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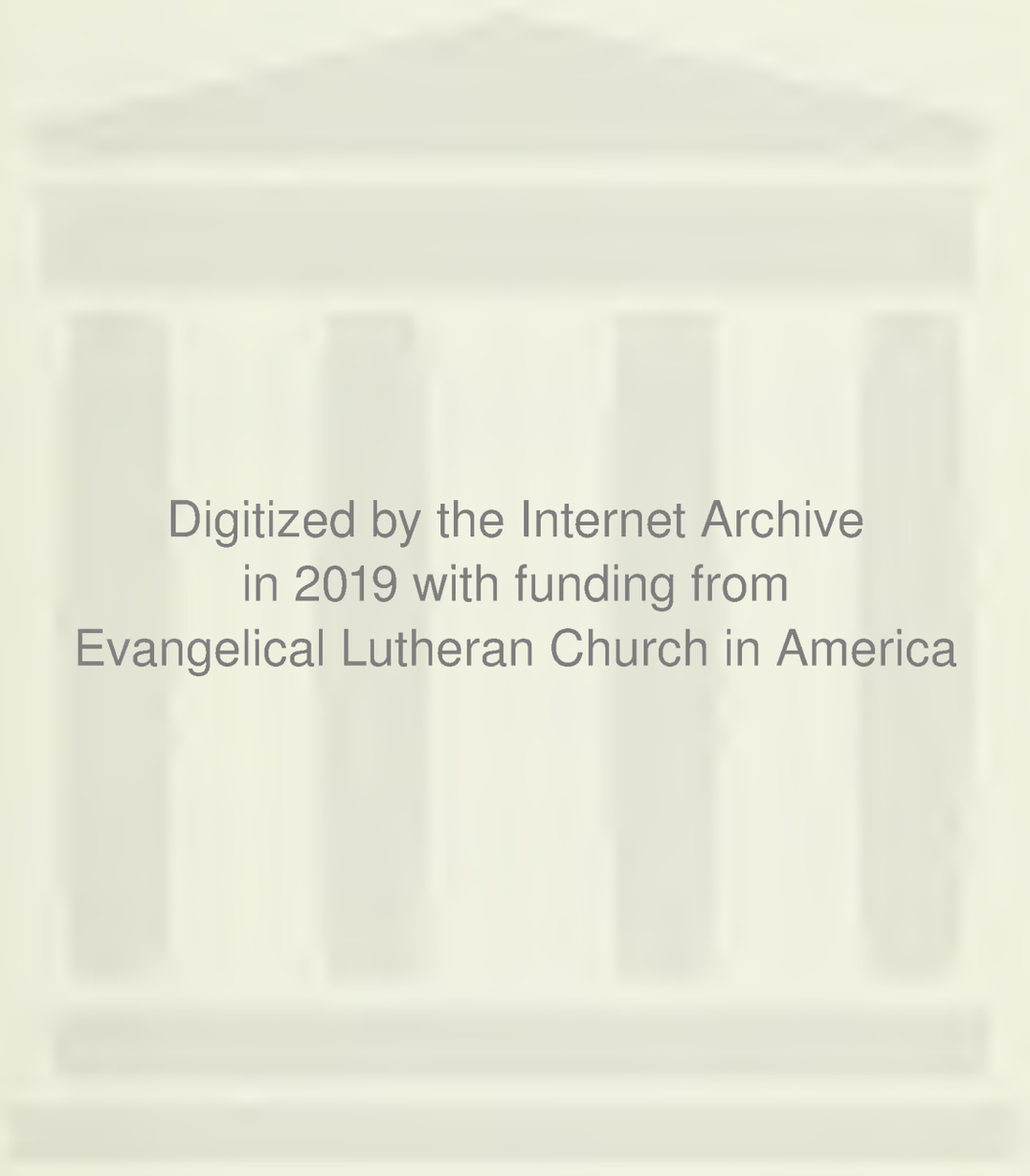

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MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTEENTH CONVENTION

OF THE

GENERAL COUNCIL

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church

IN NORTH AMERICA,

HELD IN THE

CHURCH OF THE REFORMATION, ROCHESTER, N. Y.

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MINUTES.

THE Fourteenth Convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, was held in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Reformation, in Rochester, N. Y., Rev. C. S. Kohler, pastor. It was opened with divine service on Thursday, October 20, 1881, at 10.30 A. M. The sermon was preached by the President, Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D., in the English language, and the Holy Communion was administered.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, Oct. 20, 2 P. M.

The opening exercises were conducted by the President, who, at their close, declared the Council ready to proceed to the transaction of business. In the absence of the English Recording Secretary, Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., Rev. Edmund Belfour was elected to fill that office *pro tempore.*

The list of the Synods was then called, the credentials of the delegates presented, and their names entered on the

ROLL OF THE COUNCIL.

I. GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA AND ADJACENT STATES.

Ministers.	Laymen.
B. M. Schmucker, D. D.,	H. Lehman,
A. Spaeth, D. D.,	T. H. Diehl,
J. Kohler,	L. L. Haupt,
F. J. F. Schantz,	A. W. Potteiger,

Ministers.	Laymen.
R. Hill,	H. Wells,
J. Fry, D. D.,	A. Bendel,
J. J. Kŭndig,	Prof. A. Rambo,
F. Wischan,	C. Kopitsch,
J. B. Rath,	W. Hauff,
F. W. Weiskotten,	Dr. P. B. Breinig,
G. A. Hinterleitner,	J. Born.
G. H. Trabert.	

II. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND ADJACENT STATES AND COUNTRIES.

J. H. Baden,	M. Huber,
E. F. Moldehnke, Ph.D.,	W. A. Schmitthenner,
L. König,	N. Conrad,
Ph. Krug,	H. Martin,
C. Volz,	J. Krantz.
A. Kŭhne,	
G. H. Gomph.	

III. PITTSBURGH SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

W. A. Passavant, D. D.,	Dr. A. Lange,
Edmund Belfour,	O. Sager.
G. A. Wenzel,	
J. B. Fox,	
J. K. Melhorn,	
Prof. H. Gilbert,	
J. Q. Waters.	

IV. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

G. W. Mechling,	Dr. P. Kennedy,
C. Witmer.	Hon. G. W. Overmeyer,
	J. F. Seiberling.

V. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF MICHIGAN.

C. L. Eberhard,
S. Klingman.

VI. SCANDINAVIAN AUGUSTANA SYNOD. (SWEDISH.)

E. Carlson,
C. J. Petri,
A. Rodell,
C. E. Lindberg.
A. B. Lilja,
J. P. Samuelson.

VII. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CANADA.

J. Brezing.
H. Vandersmissen.

VIII. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF TEXAS.

No delegates present.

IX. INDIANA SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

J. G. M. Hursch.

X. HOLSTON SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Geo. H. Cox, absent and excused.

With Privilege of Debate.

I. GERMAN SYNOD OF IOWA.

Prof. Sig. Fritschel, D. D.

II. NORWEGIAN AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

Paul Andersen.

Other Ministers Present.

The names of the following visiting ministers, "who are with this body in the unity of the faith as defined in its Fundamental Principles," were handed to the Secretaries:

Rev. J. Nicum,
" C. Schadow,
" F. Ehinger,
" H. C. Kähler,
" F. A. Kähler,
" L. H. Geschwind,
" T. Roth,
" C. S. Kohler,
" E. Heydler,
Rev. J. Muelhäuser,
" N. Wirt,
" A. H. Bartholomew,
" W. C. L. Lauer,
" A. Richter,
" A. Vockrodt,
" G. Manz,
" L. Gerndt.

The President then read his report, which was, on motion, received and referred to a committee consisting of Revs. J. Fry, D. D., G. W. Mechling, E. Carlson, and Messrs. M. Huber and G. W. Overmeyer.

President's Report.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Since our last Convention, the official correspondence of your presiding officer has contained the following items:

1. *Balance due to Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D.*

November 4, 1880, a letter was received from Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D., asking for the payment of "$36.99, with interest for three years, due from the premiums on Sunday School Book, as per direction of General Council." I instructed the Treasurer to pay the required sum. (Doc. No. I.)

2. *Invitation to Rochester.*

Among several other offers to entertain the General Council at this Convention, an invitation was received from the Church of the Reformation, in this city, dated December 20th, 1880, to hold this Convention in their church. I communicated with the other officers of the General Council, and the kind invitation was unanimously and thankfully accepted. (Doc. No. II.)

3. *Resignation of one of the Trustees.*

January 16th, 1881, a letter was received from Rev. Dr. E. F. Moldehnke, resigning his position as a Trustee of the General Council, giving as his reason "that the Trustees have responsibilities laid on them, which they are in no wise able to meet." (Doc. No. III.)

4. *Rev. Rob. Neumann's Claim.*

January 18th, 1881, a letter was received from Rev. Rob. Neumann, formerly in the service of our Immigrant Mission Committee at New York, asking that the salary due to him be paid. He claims $1,007.15, whereas our committee fixes the amount at $898.69. Several letters in explanation of the first one followed, and finally, Oct. 7th, a communication was received from M. M. Budlong, Esq., Mr. Neumann's legal adviser, politely asking that Mr. Neumann's claim be laid before the General Council and final provision be made for its payment. I have also corresponded with Mr. W. Hauff on this subject, and submit his view, together with Mr. Neumann's and Mr. Budlong's letters. It is certainly highly desirable that this matter should be finally adjusted. (Docs. Nos. IV, V, VI.)

5. *Excuse of Delegate from Texas Synod.*

September 28, 1881, I received a letter from Rev. R. Jäggli, President of the First German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas, asking that the non-attendance of a delegate from Texas be excused, and expressing the hope that his Synod would be represented at the next meeting of the General Council. On behalf of the Texas Synod, he assures the General Council of their loyalty to its cause, and their hearty interest in all its operations, and invokes the divine blessing on this Convention. (Doc. No. VII.)

6. *Home Missions in Texas.*

In another letter received at the same time, the President of the Texas Synod refers to the cause of Home Missions in Texas, and speaks of the difficulty in securing a person for a traveling missionary. (Doc. No. VIII.)

7. *The Indiana Delegation.*

October 2d, I received a letter from Rev. D. M. Henkel, asking certain questions with reference to the representation of the Indiana Synod at this Convention. It may be proper for the General Council to take action on the main point involved in these questions: Whether in case of the removal or resignation of the President of a District Synod, the Secretary, who, according to the Synodical constitution, acts as President *pro tem.*, will be considered by this body as a delegate *ex officio*.

The National Sorrow.

Since the last Convention of the General Council, in the mysterious providence of God, our country has passed through a severe ordeal, in consequence of the wanton and cruel attempt on the life of our late lamented President, and the long protracted and fearful sufferings resulting from it, to which the great and good man finally succumbed. For the second time within the short period of sixteen years, the history of our Republic has been stained with the record of the assassination of its chief. Our congregations far and near have shared in this great national sorrow; they have remembered the brave and patient sufferer and his afflicted family in their prayers before the throne of grace; they have bowed in humiliation before the awful visitation of the Lord, and have called upon Him to overrule evil for good, and to bring light out of this deep and terrible darkness. And, as we meet here in Convention of the General Council, it seems right and proper to give formal and official utterance to what is in our hearts, with reference to this great national calamity.

Conclusion.

Fathers and Brethren: We are assembled here at a most momentous period in the history of our Church in this country. Never before has she been agitated by such a deplorable controversy, as that which is now alienating brethren who have long stood shoulder to shoulder, and breaking up the great western branch of our American Lutheran Church, which a few years ago seemed more firmly united than any other. And at this very time the tide of immigration swells our Lutheran population to such proportions, that even the united efforts of all that call themselves Lutherans would hardly seem to be sufficient to meet the emergency, to gather the tens of thousands of our household of faith, and to supply them with the means of grace.

In the midst of these internal upheavings, and in the face of this stupendous home work with which we are confronted, it must be more than ever manifest to every one, that in the providence of God our General Council has its own great and important mission to fulfil. Let us be found worthy of this time and ready to meet its call, being firmly rooted in the pure faith of the fathers, and starting out on a new race of zealous evangelistic work among the children of our Zion.

"And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us: yea, the work of our hands, establish Thou it."

Respectfully submitted.

A. Spaeth.

Revs. J. B. Rath and L. König, and Mr. T. H. Diehl were appointed tellers in the election of officers.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the doctrinal discussion which was set down for the forenoons of Friday and Saturday, be changed to the forenoons of Monday and Tuesday, in order to devote the forenoons first named to the general discussion of the subject of Home Missions.

It was also

Resolved, To appoint a committee to select and prepare doctrinal subjects for discussion on the forenoons of Monday and Tuesday.

The President appointed as such committee, Revs. Dr. B. M. Schmucker, J. H. Baden, Prof. S. Fritschel, D. D., and Messrs. H. Lehman and T. H. Diehl. The President was, on special motion, added to the committee.

The pastor *loci* extended an invitation to this Council from the

people of the congregation, to meet them in the basement of the church for social intercourse on some evening during the Convention. The invitation was accepted, and Tuesday evening fixed as the time for the gathering.

It was

Resolved, That a business session shall be held this evening, beginning at 7.30 o'clock, and that the regular business sessions of the Convention shall be held from 8.45 to 11.45 A. M., and from 2 to 5.30 P. M.

At this point, the tellers presented their report and announced the following result of the election of officers:

President, ...	Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D.
German Recording Secretary, .	Rev. E. F. Moldehnke, Ph. D.
English Recording Secretary, .	Rev. Edmund Belfour.
English Corresponding Sec'y, .	Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D.
German Corresponding Sec'y, .	Rev. F. W. Weiskotten.
Swedish Corresponding Sec'y, .	Rev. O. Olsson.
Treasurer, ...	W. H. Staake, Esq.

An invitation was received from Mr. Powers to visit his art gallery. The invitation was accepted, and the time for making the visit fixed for Tuesday, at 10.45 A. M.

Resolved, That Friday and Saturday forenoons be devoted to a general discussion of the subject of Home Missions.

The following members were appointed a committee to report on the minutes of last year: Revs. F. W. Weiskotten, J. G. M. Hursch, C. J. Petri, and Messrs. A. Bendel and W. Hauff.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. Klingman.

SECOND SESSION.

Thursday, Oct. 20, 7.30 P. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. B. Rath.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The Council having last year resolved to recommend a day of fasting and prayer for each year, the determination of the particular day was taken into consideration. On motion, it was

Resolved, That Ash Wednesday be recommended as such day, and that our District Synods be requested to urge its proper observance by their congregations.

The following members were appointed as a committee to report on the minutes of District Synods: Revs. F. J. F. Schantz, G. H. Gomph, Prof. H. Gilbert, C. Witmer, C. E. Lindberg, J. G. M. Hursch, C. L. Eberhard, J. Brezing, and Messrs. J. Born and A. Lange, M. D.

On motion, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

In view of the great immigration of our Scandinavian and German people into the new States and Territories of the Northwest, and the importance of colonizing them in accessible localities, it is hereby

Resolved, That a memorial be respectfully addressed to the authorities of the Northern Pacific Railroad by the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, to donate lots for churches, schools and parsonages for the benefit of Lutheran congregations at all the leading stations.

Resolved, That a committee of five persons be hereby appointed to immediately prepare such a memorial, and to forward it to the authorities of the said Railroad.

The following were appointed as such committee: Revs. Dr. W. A. Passavant and A. Rodell, and Messrs. W. A. Schmitthenner, W. Hauff and W. H. Staake, Esq.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, Oct. 21st, 8.45 A. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Dr. E. F. Moldehnke. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

The following letter from Rev. Dr. C. P. Krauth was read and ordered to be entered on our minutes:

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 19th, 1881.

Rev. Prof. A. Spaeth, D. D., President of the General Council:

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR:—Hoping and expecting and with my arrangements made to be at the approaching meeting of the General Council, I am held back at the last hour by sickness. My physician forbids my leaving, and although I trust my suffering has passed its crisis, I know I am too weak to enter upon a long journey.

Our General Council has borne rich fruit for God's glory and the future of the church. Most of all has she done a great work in that testimony for

which she has been most assailed. In her principles of pulpit and altar fellowship she has vindicated herself from the reproach of the avowed sectarianism which in our day is trying to usurp the place of Apostolic unity. May God keep her steadfast in the assertion of principle. May He make her willing to perish rather than to surrender it. May He make her whole life consistent with it, and may He bring all who love her to see eye to eye with her. May God's richest blessing rest on her present Convention. To realize fully what a privilege it is to be present at it, is perhaps best secured by being held back from it, with a heart as full of desire to be there as mine is. God bless the Council and the brethren.

Ever yours in deepest Christian love,

C. P. KRAUTH.

A letter of excuse for non-attendance was received from Rev. Geo. H. Cox, President and delegate of the Holston Synod. The delegate was excused.

The consideration of the order of the day, the work of Home Missions, was taken up and discussed at length until the close of the session.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dr. Fry.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, Oct. 21st, 2 P. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. E. Belfour. The roll was called, and the minutes were read and approved.

The Treasurer read his report, which was received and referred to an auditing committee who reported it correct, as follows :

Report of the Treasurer for the Year ending October 19, 1881.

THE FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

Total receipts, - - - - - - -	$7,680 16
" expenditures, - - - - - - -	6,915 85
Balance on hand, - - - - -	$ 764 31

These receipts have been acknowledged in the *Missionsbote* and *Foreign Missionary*, and therefore—as heretofore ordered by the Council—are not given in detail, except to state, that by resolution of the Foreign Mission Committee, on February 5th, 1881, the sum of $800 was transferred from the *Missionsbote* account to this account.

The expenditures have been—

Payment of amount overdrawn for 1880, -	$ 107 15	
Paid to the India mission, generally, - -	2,250 00	
" to Rev. I. K. Poulsen, expenses and salary,	1,451 54	
" for electrotypes, engravings, &c., - -	136 33	
" for stationery, envelopes, postal cards, &c.,	28 50	
" for books, mission and church papers for the mission in India, and for the committee,	137 36	
" to Rev. H. C. Schmidt, salary, - -	750 00	
" to Rev. A. B. Carlson, " - -	750 00	
" to Rev. H. G. Artman, " - -	750 00	
" for expenses of English Secretary, - -	25 00	
" to Mr. McCready, - - - -	20 00	
" to Treasurer, for discount on foreign monies, bad monies, &c., - - - -	9 97	
" to Rev. A. B. Carlson, repairs of mission house,	500 00	
		$6,915 85

Missionsbote Account.

The account of the German mission paper published by the Foreign Mission Committee. Edited by Rev. F. Wischan, assisted by Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D., and Rev. H. Grahn.

Dr.

To balance on hand October 26, 1880, - -	$ 987 27	
To receipts from October 26, 1880, to October 15, 1881,	2,295 36	
		$3,282 63

Cr.

By expenditures for printing, postage, expressage, book binding, &c., - - - - -	$1,554 84	
By cash paid to Foreign Mission Fund, - -	800 00	
Balance on hand, - - - - -	927 79	
		3,282 63

Foreign Missionary Account.

The account of the English mission paper published by the Foreign Mission Committee. Edited by Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, D. D., assisted by Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D.

Dr.

To balance on hand September 27, 1880, - -	$ 70 99	
To cash receipts to October 10, 1881, - - -	396 60	
		$467 59
To amount overdrawn, - - - - -		41 32
		$508 91

Cr.

By cash paid for printing and postage, - - - -	$508 91

General Expense Fund.

Dr.

To balance on hand October 26, 1880, - -	$103 30	
To amount received during the year—		
Penn'a. Ministerium, - - - - -	150 00	
Texas Synod, - - - - -	18 55	
Michigan Synod, - - - - -	25 00	
New York Ministerium, - - - -	51 00	
		$347 85

Cr.

By cash paid half expenses of Rev. H. Merz, Texas delegate to the General Council at Greensburg, Pa.,	$ 60 00	
By cash paid Rev. W. F. Ulery, expenses,	1 25	
" " Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., English Secretary, postage on English minutes for 1880,	19 96	
By cash paid Herborn & Ahlbrecht, postage on German minutes for 1880,	21 75	
By cash paid J. E. Wible, printing English minutes,	107 50	
" " Herborn & Ahlbrecht, printing German minutes,	115 70	
Balance on hand,	21 69	
		$347 85

The committee appointed by the Council have vouched the above account and find the same correct as stated. They also find that the *Foreign Mission*, *Missionsbote*, *Foreign Missionary*, and the other accounts of the Treasurer, as presented to the General Council, have been audited and found correct by John C. File, Rev. H. Grahn and the Rev. F. Wischan, the auditing committee of the Foreign Mission Committee, this audit, by resolution of your body, being accepted as the audit of the General Council.

Respectfully submitted.

W. A. Schmitthenner,
J. P. Samuelson,
Philip Kennedy.

Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 22, 1881.

The Treasurer has also received the following amounts for the institutions named:

Jew Mission,	$ 50
Emigranten Haus, Baltimore,	5 00
Muller's Waisen Haus, in Bethlehem,	61 50
Hermannsberg Mission,	305 85
Orphans' Home and Asylum for the Aged and Infirm at Germantown, Philadelphia,	118 35
Emigranten Haus, New York,	93 62
Gossner Mission in Berlin,	40 00
American Indian Mission,	3 75
German Professorship, Muhlenberg College,	35 00
Syrian Orphans,	5 00
Mission in Jerusalem,	29 50

The annual report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. Dr. Schmucker, as follows:

The Committee have met regularly throughout the year, and nearly the whole Committee has been present at each meeting. The Committee still lacks any layman from the Scandinavians.

Missionaries Schmidt and Artman have continued throughout the year to reside at Rajahmundry. Brother Schmidt has the oversight of the congregation at Rajahmundry and of the native pastorates. Brother Artman has already made such progress in the Telugu as to enable him to assist largely in the care of the schools at Rajahmundry. He has been associated with Brother Schmidt in the care of the schools, and has had charge of the English services since last spring. Brother Carlson

asked to be relieved of the care of the schools at Rajahmundry, and to be allowed to remove to Samulcotta. His request was granted, and in May last he removed. Monies have been sent out for the proper repair of the Mission House there, which has not before been occupied by us since we have had charge of the mission. As Samulcotta is nearer the sea it is hoped that Brother Carlson's health, which was much impaired, and threatened to compel his return home, may now improve, as indeed it has already done. And the occupation of Samulcotta is an important step in advance.

Rev. Mr. Poulsen, who was present at our last meeting, returned at the close of the year to Denmark. He purposes to return to India so as to arrive at the New Year. He is directed to occupy Dowlaiswaram as soon as is feasible after his arrival. It is believed that two missionaries are at present enough at Rajahmundry, and that more good will be accomplished by having the other missionaries occupy other places within the district of the mission. This is the unanimous opinion of the missionaries, and with it the Committee agree. Brother Poulsen has been authorized to procure grounds and erect a dwelling at the new place.

STATISTICS.

At the close of the year 1880 the missionaries presented the following statistical report:

Missionaries sent out and at work,	3
" at home on sick leave,	1
Native ordained Pastors,	2
Baptized since 1869, infants and adults,	536
" during 1880,	124
Communicants,	216
Anglo-Vernacular Day School, Rajahmundry—	
Native Teachers, male,	2
" " female,	1
Scholars, male,	36
" female,	37
Boys in Boarding House in preparation as teachers, catechists, &c,	16
Girls in Boarding School,	13
Vernacular Schools and Teachers in Out Stations,	11
Sunday Schools, Rajahmundry, Telugu—	
Teachers,	12
Scholars, male,	46
" female,	53

The state of the schools and general mission work throughout the District, as it was July, 1881, is presented in the following reports from the missionaries.

The number baptized, Jan.–June, 1881:

Rev. Joseph, - - - - -	12
Rev. Paulus (39 adults, 42 children), -	81

REPORT OF THE RAJAHMUNDRY MISSION,

For the half year ending June 30th, 1881.

SITUATION OF OUR FOREIGN MISSION.

Few parts of India are more interesting than the Godavery district. This fine river has its source near Bombay, but not all the land through which the Godavery flows is called the Godavery district. Its boundaries are: to the north, the Nizam territory and the Central Provinces; to the north-east, the district of Vizagapatam; to the east and south, the Bay of Bengal; and to the west, the Kistna district. Almost in the centre lies Rajahmundry, the principal town, with 20,000 inhabitants.

Coconada, on the sea shore, is at present an important town on account of its trade, and because the coasting steamers stop there. But as the Indian rivers gradually change their course, especially at their mouths, where they deposit much silt, Coconada may have the same fate as Coringa and other places. A century ago Coringa was the harbor and had a flourishing trade; but now the Godavery is silted up there and takes a northerly course. If one travels along the arms of the Godavery down to the sea shore, two distinct lines of trees parallel with the sea and several miles apart are visible, which at different periods must have been the shore in ancient times. Most likely the whole delta of the Godavery was once a bay of the sea, which gradually has silted up by the deposits of the Godavery. The delta is perfectly level, and it is a fine sight to look for miles over the rich rice fields dotted with palms. Here and there stand villages where the ground has grown a good deal higher. As sweepings, manure and other deposits are never carried out of the villages, it is natural that the ground there should grow. The fine and rich delta forms a triangle, of which the one point reaches Dowlaiswaram, where the Godavery is four miles broad. A massive stone wall, called the Annicut, has been built here over the river, which keeps it full of water even in the hot weather, so as to fill the numerous irrigation canals, which also form the roads for traffic.

To the north of Dowlaiswaram the banks of the river get higher, and even at Dowlaiswaram already are a few rocky hills. Rajahmundry lies

five miles higher up the river, and from there one has a fine view of the "hills," as the eastern ghauts are called here. Rajahmundry looks very picturesque from the river, and when the freshets in the Godavery are high in the rainy season, from July to November, the sight is magnificent.

The Government College makes Rajahmundry the centre of learning, not only in this district, but in the whole Telugu country. An important trade in timber and jungle produce, and rice and tobacco is carried on here. Rajahmundry lies on the trunk road between Madras and Calcutta and is the key of the jungles. Here is also naturally the centre of our Foreign Mission operations, and our church can be happy to have such a fine field for work.

MISSION STATIONS.

Besides Rajahmundry only Samulcotta has a Resident Missionary. Mr. Long established that station and built the mission house. But as this station was vacant so long, the small congregation had disappeared long before Bro. Carlson went there in May, 1881, to reopen the mission.

Dowlaiswaram

will (D.V.) become the third station, as soon as Brother Poulsen returns to India. Baptist missionaries have been living and working there in former times, and they have still an agent there. It is the headquarters for the engineering staff in connection with the canals and water works in the delta, and there is a government workshop. It was formerly a place of greater importance than at present; and when a Baptist missionary lived there, it was the very centre of the life and activity occasioned by the construction of the Annicut. There are very few Baptist Christians, and our congregation, though only thirteen in number, is larger than theirs.

OUT STATIONS.

Jagurupad,

where Rev. T. Joseph resides in charge of the eastern delta, lies on the canal to Coconada, about ten miles from Rajahmundry. Rev. Joseph's charge is not only divided from Rev. Paulus' charge by the Godavery river, but differs in origin and character from that other part of our mission.

Outside Rajahmundry the first movement towards Christianity occurred in Muramùnda. Rev. C. W. Grönning wrote about this in 1866, as follows:

"A farmer came to me one day and complained that he had been put in

the stocks by a Brahmin. His crime was that he had learned some Christian hymns and sung them in the street. All sorts of noise are allowed in the streets, but this was a Christian hymn and the Brahmin was offended. The old enemy would not allow that the name of Jesus should sound in that village. I only answered: 'This seems to be a little persecution for Christ's sake, and is an honor which I never have had, but from the word of God I know a man who suffered the same.' He knew that I talked about St. Paul, about whom he had heard in another village where an English missionary labored. I was astonished at his knowledge of the Bible, although he could not read.

One year later he came and wished to learn to read, and when I proposed to him to work half a day and to study the other half, he was glad, and in about nine months he learned to read and write. He is now engaged as teacher in his own village, Kalairu, but the Brahmins are still troubling him. It was a blessed day when he was baptized. There were twelve persons, amongst whom one was a child. Most of them were connected with that man, who received the name Nathaniel. He is a godsend to our mission, and the Lord will likely do great things through him. And he has already done so, because most of the Christians in Muramùnda have come to the Lord through him, and others have been strengthened in faith through him. Among the converts were a number of women, and I was often astonished to see them meet for prayer after a hot day's hard work, often from 9 to 12 o'clock in the night. I visited them often, and it was real joy to see their simple faith. Alas, some of their husbands were against it and some indifferent. But they remained steady and soon gained others, and very soon I could baptize thirteen others."

Everything was very promising when Mr. Grönning had to leave India, and very soon afterwards Mr. Long died. Nathaniel and another gifted mission agent, Gabriel, now were rebaptized by the Baptists and joined that mission. A number of Christians followed their example, and Mr. Grönning was too far away to do anything.

When I visited Kalairu some years ago, I found a heap of ruined houses and only Nathaniel was left of all the Christians. He is a minister and the principal agent of their mission. He still lives in his own house, but the flock in his village has disappeared.

Our experience with Muramùnda is similar. Since the Baptists came in there and disturbed the minds of the people, there has been no accession from the heathen, neither in our nor in their congregation. An effort was made to counteract their influence by placing N. Paulus as catechist there, but it was in vain, and when we had to decide where Rev. T. Joseph

should take his abode, Jagurupad was selected in preference to the oldest congregation, Muramùnda.

The congregation at Jagurupad is now the largest. Members, 49; communicants, 26. The number would be still larger, had not some of them lately settled down in Rajahmundry. Both in Jagurupad and Muramùnda are day schools, and the teacher conducts the Sunday service in the pastor's absence.

Peravaram

was the next village in which a movement towards Christianity was observed. One of the men married a Christian girl from Muramùnda, Deborah, and as she had received a good education, she was a shining light in her new home. Ten years ago I met a Brahmin fifty miles away from the village, who said that he knew a Christian woman who doubtless was twice born. That woman was Deborah. Her husband died last year and she is now in charge of the boarding girls at Rajahmundry. However, the Christians in Peravaram are and have been for some time rather indifferent. They are no shining lights now, though they outwardly are respectable people. They number 14, of whom 10 are communicants. A well was lately built near the meeting house, which stands on a piece of land procured by Bro. Poulsen for the mission.

Lollah

is one of the neighboring villages, but here are only two Christians. At the conversion of the first few, the opposition from the heathen was rather strong, and some immigrated to Birma, where at least one has joined the Baptists.

Nuvvapet, Ramachendrapuram and Madarayupalem

are new villages, in each of which as yet only one has been baptized. Persecution from the heathen checks the progress or at least frightens the inquirers. The Christian at Ramachendrapuram had suffered such injustice that I gave in to the entreaties of him and Joseph, and sent the case up to the magistrate. The defendants then got afraid and persuaded the Christian to withdraw the suit, and he did so.

Vemagiri

is a promising village. It lies on the slope of a hill. The Christians are independent workmen and have not so many difficulties as those who are servants of the land owners. Here are three Christian families, and both husbands and wives are communicants. Lately a school has been opened, but as yet we have no school house.

Rev. Joseph gives the whole number of Christians under his charge

as 112, with 70 communicants. He has baptized 12 persons from 1st January to 30th June, 1881, but 18 have left and joined the Baptists.

Velpur,

where Rev. N. Paulus is stationed, lies in the middle of the western delta. In his district our Christians are more separated from the Baptists than in Joseph's district. Though most of the Baptists' work lies in this part of the district, still at present they abstain from interfering with our work.

Rev. Paulus has baptized from 1st January to 30th June, 1881, in all 81 persons, 39 adults and 42 children, and the number of baptized under his care is 140, of whom 64 are communicants.

It was not until after our mission had been transferred to the General Council that active operations were begun here at the request of a number of inquirers. Father Heyer went down and baptized a large number. Though he had been asked repeatedly by the inquirers, still several people thought it was not wise of Dr. Heyer to do so, because they had heard the gospel principally from the Nursapur missionaries and their agents. Most of them have also gone back to join the Baptists, and very few of the present number were ever in any way connected with the Baptists, especially those in the new villages. Velpur is a large village and has the best meeting and school house we have in the district.

This is the only village in our mission where the Christians have left their old quarters and settled down in a separate place. They live quite comfortably, and in a healthy place on the banks of the canal, but they are not so prosperous as we expected they would be, when we procured the land where they live now. In the beginning the heathen were very much opposed to Christianity, but in bazaar preaching we had always a large number of hearers. At present the villagers are rather friendly. However, since the Christians left their old homes, the congregation has had no accession from the heathen. Lately a day school has been opened in the heathen village which promises well. When Paulus is there he has a Sunday school, and a number of caste people come now and then to speak about the gospel. A government schoolmaster comes regularly to read the English Bible.

Juggernathpuram

lies half way between Velpur and Nursapur. The first converts here were baptized by Dr. Heyer. The Christians are rather poor. A number of them have immigrated to Rangoon, where they get higher wages. However, they seldom benefit by the change; if they return to their homes they are as poor as ever, and have learned to drink coffee, which is an additional expense. Here is a day school. Christians 15, communicants 7.

Argateepalem,

three miles from Nursapur. It is the home of our Bible colporteur, Venkataswanu (paid by the Madras Bible Society). He was converted at Samulcotta, and is the only remnant of the former congregation there. It was only natural that he should have some influence in his own village when he returned there, and therefore the converts connected themselves with our mission. However, this is a sore point for the Baptists and they do their best to counteract our influence there. We have 6 communicants there, and they are good Christians, who honor the name of the Lord by a holy walk.

The other villages in Rev. Paulus' charge are comparatively new, and though there seem to be tokens of life and that many will become Christians, still we have to exercise great care to manage the young converts.

Mahadevapatnam

is the most distant of our Christian villages. Abraham and his son Isaac were the first fruits there, and when I baptized them we looked forward to an increase in numbers speedily. However, some persecution arose and frightened many, and it was only after Paulus took charge of that district that an ingathering took place.

In Mahádevapatnam are now 32 members and 9 communicants.

Tadairu,	6	"	6	"
Anakodairu,	17	"	10	"
Rorrapadu,	14	"		
Konetavadda,	6	"	6	"
Liddhantam,	1	"		
Vuddalee,	2	"	1	"

I believe the number of Christians is really larger than the statistics of our native Pastors show. The registers are not kept properly, and it will take some time before they learn it. Our church register kept at Rajahmundry shows 645 baptized in our mission since 1870.

Peddahem, Metta and Gowripatnam

are the three Christian villages to the north of Rajahmundry, on the other side of the river. None have been baptized there the last six months, though there are some inquirers. The day school at Peddahem has been attended regularly by a dozen children, but the Christians are poor and all serving under land owners.

One of the Nursapur missionaries, Mr. Beer, settled down in Metta,

and though a lot of people gathered around him, he saw very little success, as they apparently came for bread alone. He assisted them liberally and hoped in that way to make them industrious. When he died, his widow made over the mission to Mr. Grönning, and when I came there were still some who received regular monthly assistance out of mission funds. We soon discontinued this, and the large congregation soon dwindled down to one family. A few new converts have been added, but Metta is a sad and desolate place.

A much brighter appearance is given by Peddahem. The first Christian, a very zealous man, has long gone to his rest, but one of his sons serves now as teacher in Juggernathpuram. As everywhere else, so also here, we had great difficulties in procuring a building site. At last I got one close to a heathen temple. Soon our prayer house and the temple were rivals. One of them had to give in. At last the temple was offered for sale to me, and now three walls of the same are inclosed in the meeting room.

One evangelist has been traveling lately regularly in these parts of the country and among the hills. Some desire after instruction in the gospel has been awakened, and if we had fever-proof men we might send several agents up there. James has gone up there for a longer tour, along with Jeremiah, and I hope the Lord will protect them from fever. Several people have asked for baptism. I long to go up there myself, and as soon as I possibly can get away from Rajahmundry, I hope to do so.

OUR WORK AT RAJAHMUNDRY

seems to prosper. The school presents quite a lively sight, and the Sunday services are well attended. We have now introduced the morning service according to the Church Book, although our Church Book is not all printed yet.

Everything is better organized at present than ever before. We met with some opposition soon after Brother Artman had taken charge of the school and a number of boys ran away. The ringleaders were refused readmittance; and when they saw that we had no mind to give in, they gave in and now the school is better attended than ever before. Some changes in the staff of teachers were also necessary, as a good deal of disharmony had existed amongst them. Now all seem to work in harmony. Brother Artman superintends the school personally and inspires both the teachers and the children.

The Telugu Sunday school is also well attended, and has a large staff of voluntary teachers.

The English Sunday school meets with some opposition from the

English chaplain, but the teachers and children have repeatedly asked Brother Artman not to give up the Sunday school. Our English fortnightly service and the Wednesday meetings are well attended, and we hope not without some blessing.

The Young Men's Association was born in this half year, and must not be overlooked. It is a Christian organization in which communicants only can be active members and office bearers, but non-Christians can be associate members. Quite a number of respectable heathen have joined, though they objected somewhat to the singing of Christian hymns and to our devotional exercises. Lectures and discussions seem to be the principal sphere of usefulness among the higher classes of natives, which the Lord hath opened unto us by the establishment of this Association. I hesitated long, but rejoice now heartily that Brother Artman's efforts in this respect prove so far a success.

Another door among the caste people has been opened unto us this year, viz.:

ZENANA WORK.

Mrs. Artman and my wife have a class of seven or eight high caste women whom they instruct in the District Munsiff's house twice a week.

They open with the Lord's prayer in Telugu; then my wife teaches Bible history in Telugu, and they have to learn one Scripture text; then Mrs. Artman teaches them English, and at last both ladies teach them needlework, etc.

A CASTE GIRLS' SCHOOL

we have long ago wished to establish. Ratnam, a high caste convert, resigned as school teacher, and he seems to be the very man to become teacher in a caste girls' school. Our new mission ground has also a suitable situation. I therefore began to build the school house. They have laid the beams for the roof. Whilst we were thus preparing for the work, a Brahmin convert from the western coast came and offered his services. He may suit well as teacher in such a school. Thus far it seems all to be guided by the Lord, and we hasten now to finish the building as fast as possible, and hope the Lord will send the children also.

It would be very desirable if the higher castes could come more directly under the influence of the gospel, and especially their females. The Lord has helped thus far. Ebenezer.

H. C. SCHMIDT.

ANGLO-VERNACULAR DAY SCHOOL, RAJAHMUNDRY.

July—December, 1880.

FROM MISSIONARY CARLSON.

Although our school is small when compared with many other mission schools in this country, and in many respects inferior to many parochial schools of which nothing is said in the papers at home, yet as it is a mission school, we will try to gratify its friends and supporters by what may be called a semi-annual report.

We are happy to say that the attendance has on the whole been quite satisfactory, when due allowance for the irregular habits of the country is made.

The whole number in attendance has been, boys and girls together, 60. In this number there are 6 heathen boys and 1 heathen girl, and 2 boys not belonging to our mission. There are 37 boys and 23 girls. The school is divided into three classes. In the lowest class are 10 boys and 14 girls; in the middle class are 8 boys and 8 girls; and in the highest class are 17 boys and 1 girl.

It is our experience that unless we furnish books, papers, slates, etc., the children will have none. And although this is our experience, it is our aim to induce as many as possibly can to buy their own books, etc. This we are compelled to do, both because we have not the means to provide them and we think the principle good as regards the care of them, although it is extremely inconvenient to teach without books, etc.

We have long been looking forward to the time when our school rooms might be somewhat comfortably furnished. Especially did it seem hard that the teachers did not have tables on which to write, or a drawer in which to put their own effects and those the children might wish to leave. It was also trying to see the little children come in the morning coughing, and with their bare feet on the naked cement floor, which, during the cold season, is quite cold. But as we had no money for the purpose, we could but pity, wait and hope for better times. Happily just at this time we received a letter from some Swedish friends in Jamestown, N. Y., with enclosed draft for $25. With this God-send timely gift we were able to furnish both school rooms with cheap bamboo mats on the floor and two new tables with drawers in for the teachers, and a new blackboard. All these improvements were ready before Christmas, which then gave the rooms a new and cheerful appearance.

We have in our boarding school 10 boys, viz.: Cornelius, Daniel P., Jacob V., Jacob, David, Paradise, Charley, Thomas, Yetudas and Isaac. We have had two more; but as we could not entertain any hope that they ever could serve the mission as teachers, we advised them to return to their

parents and engage in some other work. There are some others who, although not in the boarding school, are yet receiving some aid from the mission funds. Two girls have also been aided in the same way, as we have no boarding school for girls as yet.

This is in brief the present condition of our school. Ratnam is in his place as usual and William has taken James' place, and his sister Lizzie has been teaching the infant class.

It might not be out of the way to state here, as the school has been in my care during the latter half of the year, that, as it is only a primary school, and almost entirely in Telugu, I have not been able to do more than to have a general supervision, and this was all that seemed to be needed, as their teachers were better qualified to instruct in their own tongue than I am, and those just beginning to learn English can also manage very well.

I have, however, had one hour per day with the teachers and the two boys, Charles and John, in the government schools, whenever their studies enabled them to be present, in Christian doctrine, and one hour per day with William in church history, till Bro. Artman came and relieved me of the latter. Then in the evening I have had Bible reading and catechisation with the boarding boys in Telugu. They have, by learning one verse every day, now learnt the Sermon on the Mount, and those who, on the review, could repeat a whole chapter without a mistake, received the reward of one anna, which gave quite a stimulus to the work. In this way we have also read the four gospels and have just begun reading the Acts. I find it a good practice in the language and hope the boys may derive some advantage from my explanation, notwithstanding my imperfect language. Before closing I may be allowed to state that Bro. Artman has taken great interest in the school since he arrived, and is teaching English penmanship to all capable of receiving such instruction.

With sincere regards from the teachers and scholars in the Rajahmundry mission school,

I remain yours sincerely,

A. B. Carlson.

January—July, 1881.

BY MISSIONARY ARTMAN.

In this part of our mission work there is also much cause for rejoicing and a bright outlook for the future, through the rich blessing and careful guidance of the Almighty.

The school changed hands in the spring of this year, and since the beginning of the new school session (June 7th), I was compelled to add another teacher to the staff on account of the great increase in the number of pupils. Ratnam, the former teacher of the second class, has been appointed

to teach in the new high caste girls' school, which is now rapidly approaching completion, and I have engaged Alfred (the former assistant of Rev. Paulus, at Velpur,) to take his place. The teachers employed at present are:

J. William, - - -	Head Master.
M. Alfred, - - - -	Teacher of 2d Class.
J. Lorah, - - -	Teacher of 1st Div., 1st Class.
M. Amelia, - - - -	Teacher of 2d Div., 2d Class.

The scholars are distributed in classes as follows:

	Boys.	Girls.
Third Class, (which is the highest at present,) - -	10	1
Second Class, - - - - - -	10	11
First Class, First Division, - - - - -	12	5
Second Class, Second Division, - - - -	4	20
	36	37

Total, - - - - -	73
Average attendance, - - - -	65

The thoughtful builder of our comfortable St. Paul's church here at Rajahmundry, very wisely erected a large room at each end of the church, which have since been used as school rooms, and are admirably suited to the purpose, for the present at least. Some time in the future, by the Lord's rich blessing, it may become necessary to enlarge the accommodations, but they will answer for the present.

The studies are arranged very much after the manner of parochial schools at home, the chief idea being to instill into the minds of the children clear ideas of the Word of God and the true and uncorrupted doctrines of Christianity as taught in Luther's Catechism and the New Testament. In addition to this they have an opportunity in our school to gain an adequate knowledge of all the common branches of education to make them useful men and women, in whatever circumstances they may be placed. The subjects taught in the highest class are, in addition to Catechism and Bible studies, hygiene, church history, history of the world, history of India, arithmetic, geography, and the following in both English and Telugu: grammar, reading, penmanship and translations. The first hour on Monday morning is devoted to a review of the sermon preached on the gospel on the preceding Sunday. On Saturday mornings two hours, from 7 to 9, are set aside to drill the children in singing hymns, committing them to memory, and an explanation of them by the teacher. The regular daily sessions are from 7 to 11 in the morning, with fifteen minutes recess, and in the afternoon from 2 to 4, with ten minutes recess.

We may well be heartily thankful that God is with us in this important work, and has given us faithful teachers and many pupils who show commendable zeal in their studies. Let the prayers of all the friends of our mission, young and old, rise in unending succession to the throne of grace for the continued growth and success of this part of the work, aud above all that those whom you have sent out to guide and oversee the work in this part of God's vineyard may receive grace to do it all well.

Yours affectionately in the Lord,

H. G. B. A.

TUESDAY, August 23d, 1881.

BOYS' BOARDING HOUSE.

After Bro. Carlson removed to Samulcotta, I was put in charge of the village boys who came to Rajahmundry to complete their studies, being supported by the special contributions of kind mission friends in America. Since that time Providence has led this part of our mission work through several severe and trying ordeals, which have, however, resulted in a much better understanding concerning discipline, etc., among the boys, and enabled us to remove some boys whose conduct was not what it should have been, and who could never have become useful teachers and preachers of the Word of God.

Since their return from the holidays the boys have been living in a temporary house near our bungalow, until their new and comfortable house is done, the foundation of which has already been laid, and as soon as bricks can be obtained it will be rapidly completed. This new boarding house will be in the church compound, facing on the street which runs past Mission House No. 2, generally known by the name of Mr. Poulsen's house. One part of this new house will be occupied by our book binder, T. Barnabas, as a dwelling house and shop, and, at the same time, it is intended that he shall act as a kind of house father for the boys. The present set of boarding boys are behaving well and are very attentive to their various duties, both in school and out, and the Sunday schools or individuals who are paying for the support of any of them can rejoice with us that God's blessing is resting upon this work. And we earnestly pray that many more Sunday schools and friends will determine to take charge of a boy's support, so that we may have the means to admit as many worthy boys as our mission will supply. There are many who could assist in this work who have, so far, done nothing.

These boarding boys attend the meeting for prayer every morning in the church building, at 6 o'clock. From 7 to 11 in the morning, and from 2 to 4 in the afternoon they go to school; from 4 to 5 they work in our flower and kitchen gardens or make themselves generally useful, and at 8

o'clock they and the boarding girls come to evening prayers in one of the verandas of our bungalow. They do their own cooking, taking turns, two by two, each day. J. Henry, one of our oldest and most trustworthy Christians, who is a warden in one of the Rajahmundry jails, is helping me in the oversight of the boys at present, making purchases of rice, etc., for them, and looking after their wants in general.

The boys at present in the house are:

Name.	Age.	By Whom Supported.
I. Nathaniel,	13 years,	Rev. J. B. Fox.
M. Cornelius,	15 "	St. Michael's S. S., Germantown.
M. Jesudasu,	13 "	St. James' S. S., Reading.
B. John,	16 "	Trinity S. S., Reading.
R. Paradazy,	13 "	J. G. Wagner's class Zion's S. S., Rochester.
A. Isaac,	13 "	Salem's S. S., Bethlehem.
R. Charley,	13 "	Salem S. S., Lebanon, Pa.
P. Charles Henry,	11 "	Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Heinitsch, Lancaster.
C. Joseph,	11 "	Ladies' Society, St. Peter's, New York.
A. Luke,	20 "	Rev. Isenschmidt's S. S., Wilmington.

C. Jacob, a man of about 40 years of age, who is desirous of learning something during the rainy season, when he has no work, to make himself useful to his fellow-men, if possible.

A few other Sunday schools have asked for boys, and their requests will be attended to very soon, but it is always best for us to put the boys on trial first before we assign them to their patrons. It is earnestly hoped that in the near future many will be added to the above list.

It may be well in this connection, also, to give a list of those boys who are natives of Rajahmundry living with their parents, and are also supported by friends. They are:

J. John, (Henry's son,) supported by St. Paul's (German), Philadelphia.
N. Charley, (Paulus' son,) " " " "
N. Stephen, " " " St. Johannes' S. S., "
P. Jacob, " " " the Telugu Mission Class of St. Mark's S. S., Philadelphia.
N. Isaac, supported by St. John's S. S., Charleston, S. C.

God bless all who are assisting in this important work and move the hearts of many others to do likewise. With warm greetings to all our friends in the Lord,

Faithfully yours,

H. G. B. A.

August 23d, 1881.

TELUGU SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Our English Sunday school was commenced on November 21st, 1880. For a long time previously Miss Elizabeth Reade, a resident of Rajahmundry, had been in the habit of gathering a small flock of the Eurasian children about her every Sabbath day to instruct them in God's Word. The front veranda of her home was used as her school room, but as the number of the children increased, there was not sufficient accommodation for them, so Miss Reade proposed that we commence a Sunday school in connection with our St. Paul's church, for the Eurasian children whose spiritual welfare, as a general rule, is almost entirely neglected, at least, as far as the church which claims them is concerned. After due consideration and not without some little misgivings, we made a beginning upon the above mentioned Sunday.

Among the many pleasant and profitable institutions and services in which we have had the privilege of engaging since we are in Rajahmundry, none has brought so much joy, encouragement and satisfaction to my heart as our flourishing Telugu Sunday school, and I will venture to say in the off-start that there is not to be found in the whole Telugu district a more orderly or successful Sunday school of native Christian children, conducted by native Christian men and women.

The number of scholars is so large that the whole audience chamber of the church is comfortably filled by the present arrangement of the twelve classes. How I wish I could picture to every reader of these lines the bright and cheerful scene which may be witnessed every Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. At the sound of the church bell bright groups of children with smiling faces, and a demeanor becoming to the Lord's own holy day, may be seen gathering together from all sides in the direction of our St. Paul's church. But the scene is still more interesting if we enter the church and follow the exercises as silent spectators, as I find great pleasure in doing almost every Sunday. The opening and closing exercises are arranged according to the Sunday school book so well known in all our Sunday schools in America, and are conducted alternately by the three farthest advanced young men, P. V. Ratnam, C. James and J. William. It is indeed an interesting sight to see the various classes in their gaily-colored jackets and cloths, seated on the mat in semi-circles before their respective teachers. (Some of the teachers also sit on the mat and others on chairs and benches.) There are five classes arranged along each side of the audience chamber of the church and one at each end in the middle. The scholars are of all ages, from the infant up to gray-headed men and women, and it would do the hearts of some of the faithful Sunday school superintendents at home good to see the earnestness with which the

teachers endeavor to impress the lesson upon the hearts and minds of their pupils, and how attentive and diligent the latter are during the whole service, all of them joining heartily in the singing and responses at the opening and closing of the school. In this respect many of the Sunday school children at home could learn a good lesson from their little Hindoo brothers and sisters.

At present there are twelve classes with twelve faithful and competent teachers. The number of scholars enrolled at present is:

Males, - - - - -	46
Females, - - - - -	53
Total, - - - - -	99

The average attendance is between 80 and 85. There is a collection taken up just as in other Sunday schools, and although the pice (a little less than one-third of a cent) which the children bring do not add up to as large a sum as can be shown by schools in America, we are pleased to see the principle of giving which the children learn in this way.

It may also be interesting to the friends at home to know that Rev. Paulus has established a Sunday school on a smaller scale in his village out-station, Velpur, which was also in a flourishing condition at last accounts.

Yours in the Lord,

H. G. B. A.

August 23d, 1881.

GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

Our dear friends in America will, I am sure, be glad to hear that we have opened a girls' boarding school. There has been a school for boys for a number of years, but until now the girls have not been so fortunate. For some time past there were three village girls here to be educated, but they had to be taken in by some of our other Christians. When school opened again in June it was found that there were so many girls who wanted to come that some arrangements had to be made to accommodate them. Now they are living in a house just back of our bungalow and are taken care of by N. Deborah, a widow from one of our villages. She cooks for them and looks after their clothing, etc., although the girls have to take turns in helping. They must also bring the water, pound the rice, etc.

Except Saturday afternoons their time is pretty well taken up. They have their devotions in the school room from six to half-past. Then from seven to eleven and from two to four they must be at their lessons. They as well as the boys, have their prayers here with us every evening. Besides

their school work, they come to me every day from one to two, to sew. You can imagine that they have not too much time for play if they attend regularly to all these duties and study their lessons besides. At present we have thirteen girls in the school, whose names and ages it may be interesting to know:

G. Hannah, aged 16 years, supported by Mrs. Schaeffer's S. S. class, Germantown.

B. Hannah, aged 15 years, supported by Mrs. Schaeffer's S. S. class, Germantown.

K. Mary Ann,	aged 15 years,	- - -	Unsupported.
T. Hannah,	" 12 "	- - -	"
N. Hannah,	" 11 "	- - -	"
K. Rose,	" 11 "	- - -	"
K. Grace,	" 10 "	- - -	"
E. Karunna,	" 8 "	- - -	"
E. Rosina,	" 10 "	- - -	"
P. Vellugu,	" 10 "	- - -	"
P. Sundary,	" 7 "	- - -	"
T. Amelia,	" 8 "	- - -	"
N. Mary,	" 12 "	- - -	"

Little Susie Monroe, aged 9, has not yet entered the school, but is being supported by the sewing school of St. Mark's, Philadelphia.

Now, dear friends, here are the girls, and there are many more who are anxious to come if we can only support them. We know that there are many of our friends who have been anxious to have a school for a long time. Are they still willing to support it? The girls can be taken in charge and educated the same as the boys have been, either by single persons or by classes. Aren't there thirteen Sunday school classes among all our schools in America, who would each be willing to pay for the support of a little girl? Of course there are, there can be no doubt about it. The trouble is that each one thinks some other class will do it. In the Pennsylvania Synod alone there are eighty thousand members. Of all these, are there not thirteen who are willing to take a little girl? I say thirteen, although it should not make any difference if I said ten times as many. I hope that all who read this will at least think enough about it to find out whether they are able to help or not, and that by next mail we may hear of sufficient encouragement to make us continue with this new work.

With much love from all friends in Rajahmundry to all friends in America, I am yours, sincerely,

LIZZIE V. ARTMAN.

AUGUST 23d, 1881.

SCHOLARS SUPPORTED BY SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND FRIENDS.

The generosity of friends of the mission has ever been more prompt and ready to support scholars than could be met by the supply of suitable scholars. Several schools which have offered support, have as yet no scholar assigned. Among such schools are Trinity, Lancaster; Zion's, Philadelphia; St. John's, Allentown; Trinity, Bethlehem. The present state of the school leads us to hope that the future will make early demands in this respect. We give here the salaries of the several classes of laborers, and suggest that it might be agreeable to some of our schools to engage in the support of one of these.

Native Pastors, $150; Evangelists or Catechists, $90; Teachers, $36 to $60.

The cost of the support of boys in process of education averages about $30; that of girls we have not yet learned. Most of the scholars are children of the Christian families in and near Rajahmundry, and live at home, and all receive instruction without charge. Those who are selected by the missionaries to be educated for the work of the mission, as teachers and catechists, live in a house near that occupied by Mr. Poulsen, and within its compound. They are under the care of an aged Christian man, and are boarded and clothed at a cost of three rupees a month; books and other school materials cost about ten rupees a year. The whole expense of each scholar while at the Mission School is about twenty dollars a year.

When scholars have completed the course of study, they are sent to the Government College, continuing still to board in the mission house. The charge for tuition is $6, $12, $15 a year, according to the grade; the books, etc., needed, cost $5 to $10. Their clothing is also somewhat more expensive. The whole cost of a scholar at the Government School is $34, $45 or $50, according to the grade.

STUDENT FROM INDIA.

A promising young man, born in India of European parents, who speaks the Telugu language completely, has asked to be accepted as a student for the work of our mission. He has entered the Seminary at Philadelphia, to be prepared for the work. The Ministerium of Pennsylvania, at the request of the Committee, has engaged to bear the cost of his education.

THE "MISSIONSBOTE" AND "FOREIGN MISSIONARY."

The circulation of the *Missionsbote* has grown to be 15,000 copies, and $800 of its profits have already been paid over into the general treasury of the mission, and there remains at present an additional balance of $927.79

in the receipts of the paper above its expenses. The result of the establishment of the paper has been very gratifying.

The *Foreign Missionary* has attained a circulation of 5,000 copies. It is greatly to be desired that our English congregations, Sunday schools and pastors should show an increased interest in the circulation of the paper, not so much for its own sake as for the blessing which an enlarged interest in foreign missions brings to those in whom it is awakened.

THE CHURCH BOOK IN TELUGU.

The publication of the translation of the Church Book is at last at hand. The translation of the Sunday services has been made with great care from the English Church Book. It was originally hastily translated by Dr. C. F. Heyer, but was made anew by our missionaries and native helpers. It contains: 1, Morning Service with Communion; 2, Evening Service; 3, Litany; 4, Orders for Ministerial Acts: Infant Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Burial, Ordination; 5, Tables of Epistles and Gospels, etc.

The Orders for Baptism and Marriage have been taken from the Luneberg Ordnung, as translated by the Hermansburg missionaries. The Orders for Confirmation and Burial, not found in the Hermansburg translation, have been taken from the Liturgy of the Pennsylvania Synod. The book forms a neatly printed, small 12mo. volume. It is dedicated to the late Rev. Dr. F. W. Geissenhainer, at whose cost it has been printed.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

We present a detailed account of the expenditures in India for the year 1880. We have instructed the Treasurer in India to present semi-annual accounts hereafter. That for the first half of the present year has been received, and is herewith presented. We propose that the financial year of our mission begin with July, so as to enable us to close the account six months nearer the meeting of the General Council. We have also endeavored to present an estimate of the expenses of the mission for the year ending June 30, 1882.

The Treasurer's account shows:

Receipts for Foreign Missions during the year since last meeting,	$7,640 16
Expenditures, - - - - - -	6,915 85
Balance on hand, - - -	$ 724 31

EXPENDITURES IN INDIA, 1880.

JANUARY TO MARCH.

REV. I. K. POULSEN, *Treasurer.*

	Rupees.	Annas.
Salary and expenses of Rev. N. Paulus,	132	2
" " " " Rev. T. Joseph,	84	4
" " " " Rev. William,	14	10
" of Lazarus,	12	0
Boat license,	15	0
House for Paulus, Velpur,	286	8
Rev. Poulsen, traveling, postage, etc.,	27	0
Total, Rupees,	571	8

MARCH TO JUNE 30, 1880.

REV. H. C. SCHMIDT, *Treasurer.*

Rev. A. B. Carlson's Bill—

	Rupees.	Annas.		
Carpets for three rooms,	37	8		
Cement for verandas,	16	9		
Oiling doors and venetians,	4	11		
Maps, books and paper for school,	9	0		
Boarding school,	9	14		
Postage, 1879, 1880,	27	14		
Freight and repairs of organ,	97	7		
			202	15

Rev. N. Paulus' Bill—

Salary, 4 months,	100	0		
Traveling allowance,	10	8		
Teacher Alfred, Velpur, salary 4 months,	32	0		
" " " trav. allow.,		6		
" Johann, Malleepordee, salary 4 months,	38	0		
" R. Prakasham, salary,	28	0		
" " trav. allow.,	5	12		
" Matthew, Juggernathpuram, salary,	21	0		
" Peter, salary 1 month,	6	0		
" Stephen, Mahadevapatnam, salary,	28	0		
" " " trav. allow.,	5	0		
House at Velpur, doors and windows,	30	0		
" " tiles,	20	0		
" Malleepordee, repairs,	6	0		
			320	10

Rev. T. Joseph's Bill—

	Rupees.	Annas.		
Salary, 4 months,	100	0		
Traveling allowance,	12	8		
Teacher John, salary 4 months,	28	0		
" " trav. allow.,	4	0		
" William Schaeffer, salary,	24	0		
" " " trav. allow.,	4	4		
" N. Johann, salary,	16	14		
" R. Prakasham,	1	2		
House, Jagurupad, repairs,	20	0		
School house, Peravaram, repairs,	8	8		
			219	4

Rajahmundry School Bill—

Teacher James, salary 6 months,	60	0		
" Ratnam, salary 6 months,	60	0		
" William, salary 4 months,	24	0		
" " trav. allow.,		10		
" Lucy, salary 6 months,	18	0		
Maps, books, paper,	20	0		
Clocks, slates, pencils and pens,	10	0		
			192	10
Teacher Lazarus, Peddahem, salary,	24	0		
" " " trav. allow.,	6	2		
" Matthew, Gowripatnam, 1 month,	7	0		
Boarding house, boys,	258	12		
Repairs, houses, wells, Rajahmundry,	67	8		
" boat,	202	6		
Boat, Captain's pay,	13	15		
" ropes, etc.,	7	0		
Postage,	6	0		
New veranda at Church,	230	0		
Total, Rupees,	1,758	2		

July 1st to December 30th, 1880.

Rev. H. C. Schmidt, *Treasurer.*

Rev. N. Paulus' Bill—

	Rupees.	Annas.		
Salary, 6 months,	150	0		
Traveling allowance,	16	7		
Teacher Alfred, salary and trav. allow.,	49	4		
" John, " "	43	0		
" Peter, " "	36	0		
" Stephen, " "	45	10		
" R. Prakasham, " "	43	10		
			383	15

Rev. T. Joseph's Bill—

		Rupees.	Annas.		
Salary, 6 months,		150	0		
Teacher B. John,	salary and allow.,	44	6		
" Wm. Schaeffer,	" "	36	0		
" N. Johann,	" "	27	5		
" R. Prakasham,	" "	28	10		
				286	5

Rajahmundry School Bill—

Teacher Ratnam, salary,		60	0		
" William, "		44	0		
" Lizzie, "		18	0		
				122	0

Divers Expenses—

Evangelist James, salary and allowance,		74	2		
Teacher Matthew,		42	0		
" Lazarus,		36	0		
Tax on buildings,		30	0		
Boarding house, boys and girls,		310	11		
" " blankets and books,		27	9		
Rev. H. C. Schmidt, trav. expenses,		38	0		
Boat, Captain's pay,		36	0		
" License, 1881,		15	0		
" Expenses,		3	0		
Rev. T. Joseph, tour to Madras,		50	0		
Mission House, part cost,		3,000	0		
				3,662	6
Total,	Rupees,			4,454	10

SUMMARY.

	Rupees.	Annas.
January to March, 1880,	571	8
March to June 30th, 1880,	1,758	2
July 1st to December 31st, 1880,	4,454	10
Total, Rupees,	6,784	4

General Expenses, rupee at 43 cents,	$2,917 23
Salaries, Missionaries Schmidt, Carlson and Artman,	3,000 00
" Rev. Poulsen, 3 months,	250 00
Return of Rev. Poulsen and family,	1,091 00
Salary " " at home, 6 months,	300 00
Total Expenses, 1880,	$7,558 23

EXPENDITURES IN INDIA, 1881.

JANUARY 1ST TO JUNE 30TH.

REV. H. C. SCHMIDT, *Treasurer.*

Rev. N. Paulus' Bill—

	Rupees.	Annas.		
Salary, 6 months,	150	0		
Traveling allowance,	19	6		
Teacher M. Alfred, salary,	40	0		
" " trav. allow.,		14		
" E. Johann, salary,	42	0		
" " trav. allow.,	3	12		
" P. Peter, salary,	36	0		
" " trav. allow.,	4	0		
" N. Stephen, salary,	42	0		
" " trav. allow.,	2	0		
" R. Prakasham, salary,	42	0		
" " trav. allow.,	4	14		
" Gnanaprakaste, salary,	31	0		
" " trav. allow.,	3	10		
School house, Velpur, repairs,	8	0		
			434	14

Rev. T. Joseph's Bill—

Salary, 6 months,	150	0		
Traveling allowance,	7	8		
Teacher William Schaeffer, salary,	36	0		
" " " trav. allow.,	3	14		
" B. John, salary,	42	10		
" " trav. allow.,	4	2		
" N. Johann, salary,	28	0		
" " trav. allow.,		0		
" R. Prakasham, salary,	30	7		
" G. Paradazy, "	10	0		
School houses, repairs,	12	0		
			324	9

Rev. H. C. Schmidt's Account—

Evangelist James, salary,	90	0		
" " trav. allow.,	5	5		
Teacher Matthew,	42	0		
" Lazarus,	36	0		
" Ratnam,	60	0		
" William,	60	0		
" Lory,	16	8		
School house, Peddahem, repairs,	5	0		
Rev. Schmidt's traveling expenses,	15	0		
Postage,	8	0		
Boarding House, boys and girls,	220	12		

	Rupees.	Annas.		
Old Mission House, mats, etc.,	28	2		
Land tax,	13	3		
Printing Journal forms,	8	8		
Boat, Captain's pay,	36	0		
" Ropes, etc.,	2	10		
New Mission House and other buildings,	2,000	0		
			2,647	0
Total,		Rupees,	3,406	7

SUMMARY.

General Expenses, Jan. to June, 1880,	$1,464	77
Salaries three missionaries in India,	1,500	00
Salary Rev. Poulsen at home,	300	00
Allowance for children of Rev. Poulsen,	100	00
Total Jan. to June, 1881,	$3,364	77

ESTIMATE FOR JULY, 1881—JULY, 1882.

Salaries three missionaries in India,	$3,000	00
Salary, Rev. Poulsen, 5 months at home,	250	00
" " 6 months in India,	500	00
Return to India Rev. P. and family,	900	00
New Mission House at Dowlaiswaram,	1,700	00
Native Pastors, Teachers and Schools,	1,700	00
Completion of Mission House,	1,000	00
Repairs of House at Samulcotta,	500	00
	$8,550	00

It was

Resolved, That the report be published in the Minutes and in the English and German mission papers, and that two hundred copies of it be printed separately for the use of the committee.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council are hereby given to the editors of the *Missionsbote* and of the *Foreign Missionary* for their faithful and valuable services.

The fact was stated that there was a deficit of $41.32 in the account of the *Foreign Missionary*, the subscriptions not meeting the expenses of publication. It was

Resolved, That the District Synods are hereby requested to aid in increasing the circulation of both the mission papers.

The present committee was reappointed with the addition of three new members, and is as follows: Revs. A. Spaeth, D. D., B. M. Schmucker, D. D., H. Grahn, F. Wischan, S. Laird, C. W.

Schaeffer, D. D., C. J. Petri, R. F. Weidner, and F. W. Weiskotten, and Messrs. J. C. File, W. H. Staake, Esq., and A. B. Lilja.

The committee on subjects for doctrinal discussion was granted leave to report to-morrow morning, the special order being in so far suspended.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dr. Schmucker.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, Oct. 22, 8.45 A. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. S. Fritschel, D. D. The roll was called, and the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The committee appointed to select and prepare subjects for doctrinal discussion for the forenoons of Monday and Tuesday, presented the following report:

The committee appointed to propose some subjects for the consideration of the Council during the mornings devoted to doctrinal discussion, would respectfully submit:

That they deem it unadvisable to take up the Theses on Pulpit and Altar Fellowship at the point where the consideration of them ended. They are of the conviction that it would be more profitable to select some of the elemental subjects which lie at the foundation of the Theses, and endeavor to attain a clear and concordant understanding of them.

We propose as subjects of this kind the following:

1. The true nature and distinguishing characteristics of the Visible Church and of the Invisible Church, and the relation of the one to the other, as set forth in Theses 97 to 99.

2. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as an Act of Confession of Faith, as set forth in Thesis 58.

Should the Council prefer to select a subject unconnected with the Theses which have been under consideration, we would propose,

3. The principles which underlie the Union of Congregations in Synods, and determine the rights and powers of such bodies and their limitations, as set forth in the Fundamental Principles of Church Polity set forth by the Council at the time of its establishment.

The committee recommend that the first of these subjects have preference.

B. M. SCHMUCKER, F. BADEN,
A. SPAETH, H. LEHMAN,
S. FRITSCHEL, T. H. DIEHL.

The report was received, and the recommendation of the committee adopted to begin the discussion by taking up the first subject proposed, viz., "The Relation of the Visible to the Invisible Church," as stated in Dr. Krauth's theses, 97 to 99.

The special order, the work of Home Missions, was resumed, and its discussion occupied the entire session.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. G. H. Gomph.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, Oct. 22, 2 P. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. B. Fox. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

The special order, the work of the Emigrant Mission, was taken up, and the reports of the Missionary and of the Emigrant Mission Committee were read, and, after some modifications of the recommendations, adopted, as follows:

Report on the Emigrant Mission for the Year, Oct., 1880, to Oct., 1881.

For the purpose of exciting a more general interest in our Emigrant Mission work, we rendered a more minute account thereof in our printed report of last year. I now beg leave to refer to the same and to add the following:

In comparison with previous years, our field of operations has been extended, as the number of our guests has been trebled. The number of those who passed through our house during the year commencing October 1st, 1880, and ending October 1st, 1881, was 9,227. All of these partook more or less of the benefits and blessings of our work. We welcomed them in the name of the Lord and of His Church, united with them daily in morning and evening services, by reading a portion of the word of God and by prayer and praise. In their wordly affairs we gave them such information, counsel and assistance as we were able. Thousands of the needy among them found with us free food and shelter, and those who were not in need of our charity enjoyed a safe asylum and necessary protection under our roof, so that they escaped the commonly practiced impositions. How many dangers to body and soul were thus averted I need not here recount. Many of those continuing their journey received from us the addresses of ministers to enable them to again unite with their mother church in their respective places of destination. And I feel assured that

through our Emigrant Mission, which is a church institution, our congregations have received important accessions, inasmuch as we have always connected with the services in the chapel of the Emigrant House the admonition to the hearers to be true also, in this strange land, to God and to His Church.

During the past year there were four baptisms, two confirmations, fifteen marriages and four burials.

I am much gratified to be able to report that of late the clergy in Germany have commenced to recommend our institution to their emigrating members; and in order that this may in future be done more effectually, I respectfully suggest that the General Council should pass resolutions requesting our pastors in the fatherland to direct their people coming to this country to the Emigrant House.

Further: In view of the large Scandinavian immigration, it would be desirable that the General Council should take measures for the appointment of a Swedish missionary, who would assist us in our mission work.

It need scarcely be added that, in view of the constant growth of our work, it ought to receive the hearty encouragement and support of the church. May the Lord establish the work of our hands and bless it.

W. BERKEMEIER,
Missionary.

In view of the above report, your committee adopted and herewith submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we recommend to the General Council to request our ministers in Europe to direct the attention of their friends coming to this country to our Emigrant Mission, and to advise them to place themselves under the care of Pastor Berkemeier, at No. 16, State street, New York.

Resolved, That our Emigrant Mission Committee be authorized to act in connection with the Central Mission Committee of the Augustana Synod, in endeavoring to secure a Swedish missionary to co-operate with Pastor Berkemeier.

Resolved, That the Emigrant Mission Committee be authorized to borrow, on behalf of this Council, the amount due Rev. R. Neumann for services, and to pay over the same to him.

The following report of the Emigrant House Association was read and accepted:

Treasurer's Report of the Lutheran Emigrant House Association in New York, from April 1, 1880, to April 1, 1881.

1880.

April 1. Balance on hand, - - $ 342 00

RECEIPTS.

Collections, - - - - -	$ 529 36	
Bequest of the late Jacob Schoesstein, of New York,	250 00	
Rent of stable, - - - -	400 00	
Net receipts of a concert on Jan. 13, 1881, -	577 30	
Commissions, - - - -	945 98	
Received for melodeon, - - -	40 00	
Housekeeping account (5,770 guests), -	9,625 66	
		$12,368 30
Summary, - - -		$12,710 30

DISBURSEMENTS.

Housekeeping account, - - -	$7,109 91	
Deposits returned, - - - -	27 00	
Interest, $15,000, 1 year, at 6 per cent.,	$ 900 00	
" 1,000, 13 mos., 6 "	65 00	
" 400, 12 mos., 6 "	24 00	
" 300, 9 mos., 6 "	13 50	
" 300, 4½ mos., 6 "	6 75	
" 800, 3 mos., 6 "	12 00	
$17,800	$1,021 25	
Deduct interest from savings bank,	4 54	
		$1,016 71
Fire insurance, - - -	65 46	
Advertisements, - - -	40 00	
Repairs, - - - -	218 70	
Furniture, beds, mattresses, etc., -	157 67	
Sundries, - - - -	151 16	
Printing, - - - -	162 03	
Taxes, - - - -	226 25	
Salary of Rev. W. Berkemeier, -	600 00	
Paid off on mortgage, - -	2,800 00	
		$12,579 89

1881. April 1. Balance on hand, - - $ 135 41

W. SCHMITTHENNER,
Treasurer.

Correct:

E. RHODE,
E. C. ROCEAU,
Committee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Council has heard with pleasure and gratitude that the Emigrant Mission is enjoying a large measure of prosperity, and the District Synods are earnestly urged to sustain this important institution.

The following were appointed Committee on the Emigrant Mission for the ensuing year: Revs. J. H. Baden, C. E. Lindberg and L. König, and Messrs. J. Moller, W. Hauff, L. F. I. Anger, H. Johanson and W. A. Schmitthenner.

The report of the Committee on the President's Report was presented, and after being amended it was adopted, as follows, the vote on the second item being taken standing:

Report of the Committee on the President's Report.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the President of this body, beg leave to report that the items which may require action are the following:

I. The question propounded by Rev. D. M. Henkel, of Indiana, "Whether, in case of the removal or resignation of the President of a District Synod, the Secretary, who, according to the Synodical constitution, acts as President *pro tem.*, will be considered by this body as a delegate *ex officio?*"

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the General Council that in case of the removal or resignation of the President of a District Synod, whoever becomes acting President of said Synod by virtue of the provisions of its constitution, is entitled to a seat in the General Council as the *ex officio* delegate of such Synod.

II. As the President has, with great propriety, made mention of the wanton and cruel assassination of James A. Garfield, late President of these United States, and suggests that formal and official utterance be given to what is in our hearts with reference to this deplorable calamity, your committee propose the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That this General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, representing so many nationalities and widely separated sections of this great country, joins its voice in the general expression of horror and detestation of this terrible crime, and of grief and sorrow at its fatal result.

Resolved, 2. That the appalling character of this crime demands not only that strict justice be meted out to its perpetrator, but also the inculcation in the public mind of a higher regard for and stricter obedience to the righteous precepts of the Word of God.

Resolved, 3. That in the deep sorrow and grief this calamity has occasioned, we rejoice in the fact that our late President was a confessor of the Christian religion, and was enabled to bear his great and protracted sufferings with patience and fortitude unto the end.

Resolved, 4. That we express our heartfelt sympathy with the members of his stricken household, and commend them to the gracious help and comfort of Almighty God; and instruct our Secretaries to convey to them a copy of this action of the General Council, and also a copy to the Department of State, at Washington.

III. The item concerning the resignation of Dr. Moldehnke as one of the Trustees of the General Council requires no action, inasmuch as the term for which he was elected has now expired; nor is action necessary in the claim of Rev. R. Neumann, which has already come before this body in the report of the Committee on the Emigrant House.

Respectfully submitted.

JACOB FRY,
G. W. MECHLING,
ERL. CARLSSON,
G. W. OVERMEYER,
NICHOLAS HUBER.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the officers of the General Council are hereby instructed to inquire whether there are any legal or practical difficulties in the way of the direct incorporation of the General Council, and to report at the next Convention.

It was decided to hold an election for trustees of the General Council on Monday afternoon.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. Brezing.

SEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY, Oct. 24, 8.45 A. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. L. König. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

The following theses, which underlie the subject for doctrinal discussion, were taken up and discussed until the close of the session.

THESIS 97. The tokens of an invisible church are invisible tokens, and can therefore only justify an invisible recognition. The communion of an

invisible church must, as such, be an invisible communion. "The communion of saints" pertains to the invisible church, and it is therefore not a visible communion. It is taught in the creed; it is an article of faith, and cannot therefore be an object of vision. It is neither made nor necessarily marked, by going into one pulpit or coming to one altar. Men may have both in common without being in the "communion of saints," and be in that communion without a common pulpit or altar.

THESIS. 98. The church visible may be considered in the *wider* and in the *stricter* sense of the term. The wider sense considers it with reference to the essentials of its *simple existence;* the stricter sense with reference to its *rightful existence* in conformity throughout with the divine idea and command. Wherever men may be born to God, and divinely nurtured, either *through* the whole faith they confess, or in *spite of* parts of it, there is the church visible in its widest sense. The visible church, taking the term in its *stricter* sense, has its visible tokens, to wit, the official acceptance and confession of the word in its totality, in its pure and true sense, and the use of the right sacraments in their divine essentials. Wherever men are born to God and divinely nurtured *through the whole* faith and sacraments confessed and used, and in no respect *in spite of parts* of that faith and usage, there is the church visible in the stricter sense, the pure church visible; or with the understanding implied, that the limitation is to the normal and unreservedly right, there is the church visible. All Christian bodies, not self confessed sects or schisms, claim of necessity to be of the visible church in the stricter sense. We are Lutherans because we believe that our church justly claims that her faith is in every part Scriptural. She of necessity holds that all claims inconsistent with this are untenable. Our church exists of right, and we are in her fellowship of right, only because she is unreservedly the visible church by an unreserved confession of the whole truth.

THESIS 99. It is the church invisible which is the constitutive and determinating element in the church visible, in its true essence. All ecclesiastical communions which have a part of the church invisible in them are *so far*, and *in respect of* such elements, part of the Christian church, the church Catholic, the Evangelical church, and in this sense, and through these elements, they and the pure Christian church, bearing for Christ's sake for a time the reproach of being called Lutheran, are of one body, and are through these homogeneous elements, to wit, the saints and true believers, so far knit in one "communion of saints." All true believers in the Lutheran church, past and present, and in all other churches now and in all ages, are in this sense, "one body," known to the Lord and to the Lord only, as His. 2 Timothy, ii, 19.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. Witmer.

EIGHTH SESSION.

MONDAY, Oct. 24, 2 P. M.

The religious services were conducted by Rev. F. J. F. Schantz. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

The election of trustees of the General Council was ordered, and the English Secretary, by instruction of the Council, cast the vote for Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D., Hon. G. W. Overmeyer, and W. H. Staake, Esq. Their term of office is for three years.

The report of the Executive Committee on Home Missions was called for and read by the Chairman, Rev. Dr. W. A. Passavant, as follows:

Report of the Executive Committee on Home Missions.

Never before in the history of our Home Mission work, have the embarrassments been so great and distressing. Not to dwell on the fact that, by the so-called "reorganization" of the plan of Missions adopted at the close of our last Convention, the financial support of the largest Synod of the Church was virtually closed to the General Committee, the difficulty of securing suitable laborers for the many promising fields which have opened before us, was most trying. Month after month of anxious correspondence and long and painful journeys to confer personally with brethren with reference to the supply of this great want, afforded no relief. A new revelation of our weakness as regards laborers for the stupendous work committed to the Church's care has come upon us. Not one, but numbers were at once required, and the consequences of delay would be ruinous. And yet to secure *a single laborer* qualified for a particular work in a Western State has baffled the efforts alike of your committee and of the Pennsylvania Synod. Congregations have absolutely refused to release their pastors, that they might engage in the Western missionary work, and pastors became unwilling under the circumstances to leave their flocks, lest the sheep without a shepherd might be scattered.

The consideration of the Home Mission interest at the Convention has brought out even more strongly the same fact of our sad ministerial weakness. Respected brethren from different Synods have stated on the floor of the Council that unless relief comes speedily, they can maintain their Synodical existence only with great difficulty. In the German Synods of Michigan, Canada and Texas, the mission work is not only at a standstill, but one congregation after another is being lost for want of ministers to supply them. In the Synod of New York and adjacent States, the offerings for domestic missions for years past have been merely nominal.

With vacant churches on every side, it seems not to have been possible to awaken an interest in behalf of the vast masses of the neglected in the Empire State and the adjacent States of New England. The men for the work were not to be had. In the Holston, Indiana and District Ohio Synods the lack of laborers is equally great. New and prominent fields could not be entered, because men could not be procured for their vacant churches. In the Pittsburgh Synod, with a college for the training of young men, twelve pastorates and missions must be provisionally supplied with the greatest exertion, while many new and hopeful fields demand immediate attention. Even in the Pennsylvania Synod, with a college and seminary, prominent churches are calling men from Western Synods, while whole counties of its own territory and the adjacent State of New Jersey, with a large German population, have never been explored, nor their tens of thousands of scattered immigrants been gathered into churches.

Under these depressing circumstances, the Executive Committee on Home Missions elected by your body have held their monthly meetings and endeavored to discharge the work committed to them with painstaking fidelity. Although our available resources were the one-fifth of the missionary collections of the Pittsburgh Synod, and the sum of nine hundred dollars promised by the missionary committee of the Pennsylvania Synod, with no prospect of other aid, the committee resolved to do what they could and leave the results with God. By our instructions at the last Convention, the two missions at Chicago, Illinois, were to be sustained as heretofore, and without means to do anything else, the year's work began. In regard to the present condition of these missions your committee respectfully report the following:

1. Trinity English Mission.

The Rev. Prof. Reck, of Augustana College at Rock Island, with great sacrifice and labor continued the supply of this mission from our last Convention until December, 1880. The interests of the Sabbath school, the catechetical class and the congregation were faithfully looked after, and the committee and the Church are under great obligations to this worthy brother for his important services during the long vacancy of the mission. The newly elected pastor and missionary, Rev. C. Koerner, of Pottstown, Pa., entered upon his duties on the first Sunday in January, and was installed at a later day by the Rev. W. A. Schaeffer. During the nine months which have elapsed since then, the progress of the mission has been encouraging. The interest on the church debt has been regularly paid. A considerable floating debt has been extinguished, and in addi-

tion the heavy assessment for paving on Erie street, the whole length of the church lot, has been met, with the current expenses of the church and Sunday school. The attendance on the preached word has been very encouraging. The Sunday school now numbers upwards of two hundred children, and the weekly service is frequented by an increased number. On the Sunday before Whitsuntide an interesting class of nineteen young persons was confirmed, and at the different communions a considerable number were added to the congregation by certificate. The congregation is steadily gaining and strengthening in faith and life. One great drawback is, however, in the way of its more rapid growth and self-support. This unfortunately is the fact, that since the erection of the church the bulk of the congregation have been compelled by the fire regulations of the city to part with their property, and remove to the west side or to other locations on the north side or elsewhere remote from the church. The trustees have therefore offered the present church property for sale, in the hope of not only getting rid of the heavy debt on their lot, but to rebuild in a location more central and suitable to the needs of the congregation. If they can succeed in this desirable object it is believed that the congregation will soon be self-supporting.

2. The Wicker Park Mission.

The first year of the pastorate of Rev. W. A. Schaeffer in this mission, closed with the 30th of September. It has been a year of faithful labor, unwearied effort and constant anxiety. The hope of the mission is its large Sunday school, in which are the elements of an inspiring future. The long years of neglect, in which the youth of this portion of the city were largely given up to their own ways, cannot be neutralized by a few years of labor. The main anxiety and toil of the pastor has therefore been given to the instruction and care of the young. A class in the catechism was maintained during the winter, a number of whom were confirmed at Easter. The small Bible class in the afternoon has grown and become deeply interesting. The Sunday school, numbering 240 children, is maintained with great effort on account of the difficulty of securing competent teachers for so many classes. In a word, the field, in which the Church is the centre, is truly mission ground and pains and prayers, with unwearied toils alone can give success. We are gratified in being able to state, that the "Ladies' Aid Society" has succeeded, not only in paying the interest of the debt of $6,000 which rests on the church property, but have placed a fine bell upon the tower at an expense of some $200. This will be a perpetual reminder of the hours of prayer, and we doubt not will be an important aid in all the services of the sanctuary. The mission has

not been without very serious difficulties of late, resulting from different views between the pastor and the trustees in regard to the raising of funds for the church and school in questionable ways. The decided ground taken by the pastor on this subject alone prevented the mistaken views of well meaning friends of the enterprise from committing this young mission to a career which would have deprived it of all spiritual power for the future. We regret to say, that painful alienation on the part of some and coldness on the part of others may lead to the withdrawal of our faithful missionary, whose partial recovery from years of illness requires greater quietness; but whatever may be the issue, his testimony for the right and his painstaking labor on the mission, are gratefully appreciated and will not be in vain in the future of this interesting mission.

3. The Denver Mission.

For years past repeated and most earnest calls have been addressed to the committee from Denver, Colorado. In the absence of means, and the inability under such circumstances to call a missionary, this important field, at once the capital and leading city of the State, had to be reluctantly neglected. Various providential circumstances, among which was the erection of a Swedish Lutheran church, and the anxiety of its zealous pastor that a commencement in this necessary work should immediately be made, led the committee, in April last, to commission the Rev. J. Telleen, pastor of the Swedish church, as our English missionary in Denver, until a separate laborer could be procured. Accordingly, with some unavoidable interruptions, an English service has been maintained in the Swedish church on Sunday afternoons, and while in the multiplicity of Bro. Telleen's labors among his own countrymen, the progress made has not been rapid, the prospects are yet very hopeful. A weekly meeting for devotion has been established and is bringing together the scattered members of our eastern and western churches who reside in Denver, either permanently or for the time being. Several English classes are taught in the Sunday school, and the experiences made during this time furnish ample evidence that if a suitable missionary can be obtained and means secured for his support, the establishment of a vigorous church, with the divine blessing, can be accomplished. The influence of such a church in the capital and leading city of the State would be very great. "The handful of corn on the tops of the mountains," in time, "would shake like Lebanon." May the ever blessed God give his blessing to this feeble beginning and crown it with success.

4. The Kansas Mission.

Immediately after our last Convention the Executive Committee proceeded to carry out the trust committed to their hands by the Pittsburgh Synod at its Convention a few weeks before, in the selection of a traveling missionary for Kansas. A laborer was needed who could officiate in English and German, and had the experience of years in the ministry. Such a one was found in the person of the Rev. E. Smith, of Greensburg, Pa., who had expressed his readiness to accept a call; but when it was given, to the great regret of the committee, it was declined because of the refusal of his congregation to release him from his charge. After an extended correspondence over the Church, a call was given to the Rev. C. J. Cooper, of South Bethlehem, Pa., which was favorably entertained. At his request, an interview was held with him in Pittsburgh, and every assurance of support and vigorous co-operation in supplying the fields in Kansas he might set in order, was given by your committee. The prospect seemed most encouraging, and in reply to numerous calls from Kansas, the confident hope was expressed that they would soon be visited and measures taken for their relief. In a short time, however, Mr. Cooper declined the call of the committee, giving as the reason that the Pittsburgh Synod had made no provision for a longer time than one year! It was then ascertained by correspondence with Dr. Schmucker that the action of the last Convention had taken the supply of Kansas out of the hands of the committee and placed it in the province of the Pittsburgh Synod! In other words, the committee discovered that although the Synod had resolved to work in Kansas through the Executive Committee on Home Missions, by the new plan of operations the General Council had taken it out of their hands. In the absence of any Synodical Mission Committee during the interval of Synod, no provision, therefore, existed for its supply. Under these strange circumstances, the committee were at a loss what to do. To do nothing would be to discourage both the Synod and the waiting people and places in Kansas, and to attempt something might go against the letter of what the temporary plan contemplated. It was finally determined to carry out the action of the Pittsbuegh Synod as far as possible, and secure a missionary until the meeting of this Convention. A laborer was obtained for four months, in the person of Rev. J. Sarver, of Leechburg, Pa., to visit and organize congregations and cooperate with the committee in their supply with pastors. Accordingly, toward the close of June, with the consent of his charge, Bro. Sarver entered upon his work with characteristic energy. With the approval of the chairman of the committee of the Pennsylvania Synod, his attention was directed to a most important point in Nebraska where he labored for

several weeks, preparing the way for the promised missionary of the Pennsylvania Synod. Driven into Colorado by the dreadful heat of July, he labored diligently in and near Denver, and returned to begin operations in Kansas. Scarcely, however, had he commenced before he was prostrated by the intense heat, and after weeks of illness under medical care, was compelled most reluctantly to return home. In the uncertainty of their relations to this mission field, the committee deemed it the part of wisdom to await the meeting of the General Council, in the hope that the temporary plan of operations might be abandoned, and some method may be again adopted under which your committee may be able to operate in Kansas without misunderstanding, and with the hope of permanent success. It is but just to our missionary to add, that in view of his illness during the greater part of his absence, he declined any compensation and would receive only a part of his traveling expenses.

5. Minneapolis English Mission.

The attention of the committee was directed to this growing city of the Northwest, and to the neighboring city of St. Paul, by circumstances which were clearly Providential. The former with a population of 50,000, and the latter with nearly the same number, are rapidly becoming cities of vast industry and are attracting to themselves multitudes of our people from Northern Europe and the eastern portion of the States. While churches and schools, with a flourishing college and seminary, are already established for their welfare, owing to the peculiar circumstances of the earlier settlers, many of the young have been educated in English communities, and are rapidly drifting away from the Church and her faith. This is especially so in regard to the German, Norwegian and Danish population. The establishment of English Lutheran churches is therefore an absolute necessity, alike for them and for our scattered members from the East. As both these cities are already great centres of material and moral influence for the vast regions beyond, your committee have anxiously looked about them for means and for the necessary laborers for these different fields. As the result of a correspondence with the Missionary Association of the Sunday school of St. John's Lutheran church of Philadelphia, Pa., the committee have been promised the sum of $400 annually toward the support of a missionary in Minneapolis. Before a laborer was appointed it was deemed advisable by the committee that the chairman should personally visit this city, and if possible arrange for a suitable place of worship. Accordingly, the city was visited in June, and as the result of a careful examination, the conviction was strengthened that time, money and the efficiency of the proposed mission required a church edifice, centrally located, and not a public hall. The

absence of any individual or congregation to assume the responsibility of purchase or erection, was the obstacle in the way of accomplishing the desired result. But the interests at stake were too important to be long postponed. Accordingly, ten days ago, a second visit was made by the chairman of the committee, and after much thought and prayer, two lots on 8th street between 4th and 5th avenues, were finally purchased in the name of the Lord. The cost of the lots was $6,500, payable in April, 1882. The location is all that could be desired, in the centre of the city, immediately opposite the Court House, and accessible by the street cars from various directions. The lots have a frontage on 5th avenue of 132 feet, and a depth on 8th street of 165 feet. A neat frame cottage with bay windows stands on the corner lot, and is well adapted for a pastor's residence. In order to secure a place of worship, the offer of the First Swedish Lutheran church to dispose of their church edifice for $1,000 was accepted, and a contract was made for its removal to the rear end of the newly purchased lots. The building is 40x65 feet in size, of a good height, and with a tower and pulpit recess. The original cost was nearly $5,000, while the cost of its purchase, removal and refitting will not exceed the half of this. The cost of the whole property, including the parsonage and church, will therefore be about $9,000. This is a large sum to be provided for in so short a time, but a very small sum for such a location, with a parsonage and a neat, substantial church edifice with a seating capacity for five hundred. In the absence of a congregation, God has raised up a friend who kindly loans the money at a low rate of interest, so that all fear of losing it is removed. By the terms of the purchase, our Swedish brethren will occupy the church on Sunday mornings until the completion of their new and capacious church. Until then it is proposed, as soon as a missionary can be procured, to have Sunday school in the afternoon and divine service in the evening.

In St. Paul nothing definite has been accomplished towards securing church lots or procuring a place of worship which will be accessible to all. The chief anxiety of the committee centers on the selection of the future missionary, who, in all probability, will officiate in both places. Let the Church unite in fervent prayer to God for the right man for this difficult work. "Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest and causest to appear before Thee." None other but the one chosen of God, and qualified for this difficult, but most important and promising field, can perform the work which is to be done!

In closing this reference to Minneapolis and St. Paul, we cannot forbear our acknowledgments to the Rev. Pastors Tenstedt and Monten, of the Swedish Augustana Synod, who frequently opened their churches for

English services and fraternally co-operated in various ways in the prosecution of our work. Our special thanks are likewise due to the Rev. J. E. Koiner, of the college at St. Peter, who at the request of the committee, after the toils of the week, visited these cities for several months, and rendered excellent service, accepting no compensation but his traveling expenses.

6. San Francisco Mission.

During the past year your committee have been in correspondence with a number of persons who are greatly interested in the commencement of an English Lutheran mission in San Francisco. The chairman, at the request of the committee, visited New York for the purpose of a personal interview with a Christian friend who has given this subject much anxious thought and prayer. Everything possible was done by correspondence and personal appeal to secure a suitable missionary, and promises of generous support were freely tendered. To our great distress, however, we must record the fact that thus far every effort on our part has been fruitless. But the committee will not abandon this most important undertaking. We recognize the call of God to the Chnrch "to come over and help" on the Pacific coast, and our eyes are lifted up in faith and hope to the everlasting hills from whence cometh our help. We ask of the believing the aid of their prayers in behalf of this important work. The repeated failures on the Pacific coast warn us against going where God has not called us. But at the same time the repeated calls addressed to our committee make it certain that we are called to enter into this field which has long been white unto the harvest.

The following is a brief summary of the domestic work of the District Synods in connection with this body.

The Pennsylvania Synod.

Two of the missions heretofore assisted became self-sustaining, leaving the number aided during the past year *twenty-one*, exclusive of those in Lancaster and Reading, Pa., which are aided by the parent churches in those cities. Nine of these are under the supervision of the Board of Missions in Philadelphia, and twelve under that of the Synod's Executive Committee. These are the Pittston Mission with three churches, Rev. G. A. Struntz, pastor; Germania, with three churches in Potter and Tioga counties, Rev. J. H. Voss; Chester, Pa., Rev. E. H. Gerhart; Phillipsburg, N. J., Rev. Th. Steck; Shenandoah, Rev. J. Gruhler; Phœnixville, Rev. F. C. C. Kaehler, Trinity, Catasauqua, Rev. M. H. Richards; Eckley, Luzerne county, with four churches, Rev. J. H. Schmidt; Wilkesbarre,

Rev. F. F. Buermeyer; Lykens, with four churches, Rev. M. B. Lenker; New Jersey Mission, with three churches, Rev. G. F. Miller; Sand Cut, Wayne county, Pa., Rev. A. W. Walter, in the place of Rev. G. H. Rhodes, the lamented founder of this mission. To these twenty-five churches and a number of preaching places the sum of $2,250.42 was appropriated to aid in sustaining their pastors. The reports exhibit a steady growth in the midst of no ordinary difficulties, the struggling mission congregations being often greatly embarrassed by the heavy debts resting upon their churches. The report of the Board of City Missions gives the details of the nine missions in Philadelphia, viz., St. Paul's, Columbia avenue, Rev. W. K. Frick; St. Peter's, Eighth and Reid streets, Rev. E. R. Cassaday; Christ's church, Chestnut Hill, Rev. C. J. Hirzel; St. Stephen's, Pawlton avenue, Rev. J. K. Plitt; Church of the Advent, Fifth, above Cumberland, Rev. J. F. C. Fluck; St. Peter's, Myrtle street, Rev. C. F. Welden; Immanuel church, corner of Lackawanna and Plum streets, Rev. M. Schimpf; St. Thomas, Germantown, Rev. C. G. Fischer; Trinity, Rising Sun, Rev. A. Linsz. In nearly all of these aid is necessary, in the language of the report, "because of the burden of debt that rests upon the churches, which necessarily interferes with their prosperity, in addition to causing a heavy drain upon them to meet accruing interest on loans and ground rents." Notwithstanding all these difficulties, "these missions have been characterized by steady growth and marked improvement, both in membership and zeal." In several the debts have been reduced. In one the entire debt has been paid off. St. Michael's German church, which was formerly assisted by the Board, under the efficient labors of Rev. F. P. Bender, has this year become self-supporting. The sum of $2,544.67 was appropriated to these needy churches to aid them in maintaining their pastors, making the total $4,795.09 expended on the twenty-one different mission fields of the Synod, with thirty-five churches and a number of preaching stations.

In addition to an appropriation of $950 during the past year, for the support of the two missions in Chicago, the Executive Committee of this Synod elected a superintendent of missions for the State of Nebraska. His church refusing to release him, he declined the call. Six weeks ago the Rev. L. Groh, of Boyertown, Pa., at the instance of the committee, undertook a journey of exploration to that State, but from advices just received, after a brief but useful service, he too, has been compelled, by the failure of health, to return home. The Executive Committee of the Synod likewise notified the Texas Synod of their willingness to provide for one-half the support of a traveling missionary whom the Synod might appoint for that State, but while gratefully appreciating the co-operation of this venerable body in this much needed work, a communication

has been received from President Jaeggli, of the Texas Synod, expressing their regret at having thus far been unable to find a suitable laborer for this difficult and responsible work. From this it will be seen how distressing is the need of properly qualified ministers for all positions of responsibility, and that while the harvest truly is great, the laborers are few!

The New York Ministerium.

Owing to causes referred to in our last report, we regret to be obliged to state that there has been no increase of missionary activity in this Synod since our last convention, unless by individual pastors, of which the minutes furnish no information. A number of important vacancies, however, have recently been supplied with pastors from the Philadelphia Seminary, and with the passing away of discordant elements, it may be confidently expected that a larger measure of missionary efficiency will be secured. The report of the Executive Committee states the fact the sum of $318.75 was appropriated to six missionary pastors of the Synod, in order to supplement their small salaries. These were the Rev. C. R. Gerndt, in West Webster, Rev. H. Dorn, Ellenville, Rev. C. F. Fickeisen, Newberg, Rev. L. H. Gerndt, Wards Island, Rev. A. C. Kuss, Gardensville, N. Y., and Rev. J. A. Dewald, in Brunswick, N. J.

The mission field in New York and the New England States, embraced in the territory of this Synod, is one of the most extensive and important in our American Church. The consequences of half a century of neglect, delay and inefficiency cannot be described in words. To make up for the melancholy past, and meet the tremendous issue of the present, is the proper work of the whole Church in the United States; but a vigorous beginning must be immediately made, according to its resources, by the Synod on this territory, or the consequences will be still more ruinous. The whole Church should be called on to take part in this urgent work, especially in the great Metropolis of the New World, into which are pouring the surplus population of the Old World, and from which in turn the overflow extends to all parts of the United States.

The Pittsburgh Synod.

With the revival of the iron and coal industries of Western Pennsylvania, the Home Missionary interests of the Pittsburgh Synod have been quickened to a new life. Sixteen distinct mission fields are aided. These are the Monongahela and Pan Handle Mission, Rev. S. Munsch; Allegheny Valley supplies; Butler, (English) Rev. J. Q. Waters; Franklin, Rev. F. W. Kohler; Ridgway, Rev. J. Sander; Corry, (German) Rev. H. Gilbert; East Liverpool, (German) Rev. M. F. Dethlefs; Trenton, O.,

Rev. S. K. Herbster; Tyler and Wetzel counties, W. Va., Rochester and Phillipsburg, (English) Rev. C. H. Hemsath; Freeport and Natrona, (German) Rev. C. F. Tieman; Christ's Church, (English) East End, Pittsburgh, Rev. J. S. Lawson; Kittanning, (German) Rev. M. Schweigert; Washington, (English) Rev. J. W. Myers; Parker City, President of Synod, and Nova Scotia, Rev. C. E. Cossman, missionary at large to the Germans. Some thirty churches and stations are thus regularly supplied, and a large amount of missionary work is performed at outlying points, where it is hoped in time to collect congregations. For the support of these missions, including the sum of $434 appropriated to the General Committee for the Chicago Mission, the sum of $2,271.58 was appropriated.

The limits of this report will not allow minute details concerning the progress and growth of the past year. The Trenton Mission has been transferred to the list of pastorates. The Ridgway Mission has resulted in the organization of a new church and the formation of a new mission in Clinton county, Penna. An excellent church edifice at Natrona, erected by the German congregation, was consecrated to the service of Christ. The debts on a number of struggling congregations have been materially reduced. On many there has been an encouraging increase of the membership, and the prospect of final establishment is more hopeful than for years past. But the distressing want is everywhere the same—earnest and faithful men—equal to the emergency and fitted for organization, in gathering and upbuilding in fields newly formed or long neglected, where the scattered and humbler materials must be sought out and built into living churches, to grow and flourish side by side with others which have occupied the field since the early settlement of the country.

The proposal to raise $1,000 for a superintendent of missions in the State of Kansas, has been acted upon in good faith, and the money has for the most part been paid over to the Treasurer of the General Committee. The remainder is in reliable pledges and will be paid as soon as a laborer is secured for the field.

The District Synod of Ohio.

The interesting report of the Rev. J. H. Hunton, the M. President, minutely details the struggles and labors of the past year, on the seven missions under the care of Synod. These are the Ada Mission, Rev. F. P. Cook; the Alliance Mission, Rev. G. L. Rankin; Columbus Mission, Rev. S. W. Kuhns; the London Mission, (supplies); the Middle Point Mission, Rev. C. Witmer; the Paulding Mission, Rev. J. Snyder; the Pawnee Mission, Rev. W. H. Swaney. The unhappy difficulty at Alliance resulted in the secession of the disaffected element from the

Church and the Synod. On the London Mission a new church is in progress of erection, the corner stone of which was laid in August. A lot has been secured in Middleport for a house of worship, and the debt on the parsonage has been nearly removed. On the Paulding Mission, a neat church 28x40, at Delaware Bend, has been erected. On several missions there have been encouraging accessions to the membership, the Sunday schools and catechetical classes are well attended, and the evidences of the Divine blessing are numerous and encouraging.

The amount appropriated to the support of the above missions during the past year, as reported by the Treasurer of Synod, was $904.57.

The Swedish Augustana Synod.

The past year has been one of largely increased activity in this body. The immense immigration from Sweden has occupied the thoughts, prayers and efforts of the five conferences of the Synod as never before. The time and labors alike of professors, students and pastors have been taxed to the utmost in journeys, visitations and preachings over the wide missionary field of this Synod, in supplying the destitute settlements and the incoming thousands with the bread of life. Nobly have these brethren met this great issue, and that too, without relaxing their efforts in their works of education and mercy. In addition to the missionary work of the pastors, to each of whom the Conferences assigned the supervision of certain vacancies and destitute fields, catechists, theological students and missionaries were employed by the Conferences, according to their needs and abilities. The Central Mission Committee assisted the Conference on their territory, and had charge of the missions "in the region beyond." During the past year, this committee have had two missionaries in the field in the Pacific States, viz., Rev. Peter Carlson in Idaho and Washington Territories, and Rev. James Vender in Oregon, and a third, Rev. J. Telleen in Colorado, with the charge of a local mission in Denver. The work among the immigrants also occupied the special attention of the committee. Two missionaries were employed in this field, viz., Rev. A. Rodell, of Brooklyn, for New York, and Mr. C. A. Landfors in Chicago and vicinity. The labors of the former were likewise devoted to the spiritual welfare of the seamen in the many Swedish vessels at that port, among whom his services were received with much thankfulness.

The outlay on these missions of the Central Committee amounted to $3,725.46, while in the Conferences, the total sum expended for the same purpose, according to the report of President Carlson, was $3,939.34. The results, as given in the minutes of the Synod are most gratifying. Upwards of one hundred congregations, and these the smaller and struggling ones,

were supplied with the means of grace, and in addition, during the past year a number of new congregations have been organized. In the East, the mission churches in Boston and Philadelphia have been consecrated to Christ with exceeding great joy. In the West, the mission in Denver has completed its new and beautiful sanctuary, and several churches are nearly ready for dedication in other towns of Colorado. In a word, an amount of missionary work has been done on the various fields of the Augustana Synod, which promises the happiest results for the future of the Church and the glory of the Redeemer.

The Holston Synod.

The Rev. Dr. Brown, Missionary President of this Synod, reports that owing to the indebtedness of the Treasury, it was not possible to undertake any new work or make any appropriations to existing fields which ought to be cultivated. The statement is also made, that what the Synod as such has been unable to do, individual pastors have done the utmost to accomplish, both in the supply of weak congregations and in laboring at important points with a view to future organization. At Morristown, Tenn., a lot has been donated, and a neat church edifice is being erected, under the care of Rev. J. C. Miller. Other places are referred to where it is proposed to organize, but the data are not given. The field occupied by this Synod is growing in importance, and a more vigorous prosecution in the missionary work on this interesting territory would impart new life to all church work in its bounds. It has been a source of sincere regret that, in the absence of means and suitable laborers, the Executive Committee of the General Council have been unable to render any assistance.

The Indiana Syond.

This small but active body is doing what it can in the care and supply of its numerous vacancies. Two of its members have returned to the East, and the feeble band of toilers in this wide and destituted field imploringly cry for help. During the past year a new church in Henry county was organized and received into Synod. The Synod has pledged itself to aid the St. James Mission in Richmond county, Ill., and also to assist in the support of a new mission in the part of the Mulberry charge, with Rossville for the centre, provided a suitable laborer can be procured. The Synod also authorizes the Treasurer of the General Committee to draw on it for $100 toward the support of a traveling missionary who may be appointed by the General Council. Most gladly would the Executive Committee appoint such a missionary for the territory of this Synod, had they but the man and the means of his support. This State is full of our scattered

people, and in many places they have waited long and anxiously for some one to break unto them the bread of life. Let the Synod labor and pray, and the Church add its supplicating cry to God for deliverance in this its time of need!

The Texas Synod.

The brethren composing this Synod are laboring with much sacrifice among the German settlers in Texas, but can accomplish little among the more scattered population because of the necessity of ministering to the churches in the towns, and personally giving instruction in their parochial schools. An agency is needed which will bring the gospel to the destitute and neglected ones, and the Synod wisely look to the traveling itineracy as the most effective plan for this necessary object. They are seeking one or more well qualified ministers to act as missionaries over the State, but although encouraged by the offered aid of the Pennsylvania Synod, they have not yet been able to find a single person for this laborious work who possesses the necessary qualifications, and can officiate in the German language, much less in German and English. In this perplexity they can only look up to the hills from whence cometh their help! The foreign immigration is rapidly increasing. Thousands upon thousands of settlers are taking up the finest agricultural lands, and building themselves homes. Churches and schools are imperatively needed, and needed in hundreds of places all at once. Half-way measures only mock the hopes of the perishing. An effective system of relief, under judicious supervision, is absolutely needed. Existing methods are confessedly helpless. In this emergency the Church must act promptly, and follow up her action with corresponding effort, or in a little while deliverance will come from another quarter, but we and our fathers' house will be destroyed.

The Canadian Synod.

This is a missionary Synod, and in the midst of various internal and external conflicts has steadily maintained its missionary efficiency. The report of the Rev. J. Brezing, the M. President, gives a review of the six missionary fields among the German immigrants in the proviences of Ontario and Quebec, and while there are many difficulties, there is gratifying evidence of establishment and progress. The following are the fields which the Synod is cultivating: 1. The First Ottawa Mission, Rev. E. Genzmer, with the five congregations at Thorne, Admaston, Wilberforce, Gratton and Denbigh. The Second Ottawa Mission, Rev. J. L. Braun, with the four congregations at Alice, St. Peters, Petawawa, and Grace church, at Greenlake. 3. The Muskola Mission, supplied by Rev. R. Von Pirch, with four congregations at Draper, Morrison, Monk and Ryde. 4. The new Dundee

Mission, Rev. U. Berner, with the four churches at Strasburg, Platville, Mannheim and New Dundee. 5. The Brant Mission, Rev. W. Rein, with two churches in Brant and Hanover. 6. Hulett and Bayfield Mission, Rev. J. Muenzinger. But for the efforts of the Synod, these twenty small churches, with a number of stations, would not be in existence. In various places the German population is gathering in, and in a few years a number will be self-sustaining pastorates. At other places the result is yet doubtful, but the Word of God is not bound, and will accomplish the blessed results which God has designed.

The offerings for domestic missions in the Synod during the past year were $722.69, while the appropriations to the support of the missionaries aided were $674.64, a very encouraging advance of interest and liberality on the part of pastors and people.

The Michigan Synod.

The minutes of the last Convention, recently held, have not yet reached us, nor has any official communication been placed in our hands concerning the operations of the past year. It was mentioned in our last report that in addition to the assistance rendered to three district mission fields, a traveling missionary in the person of the Rev. Pastor Haas, had been appointed. The field in Michigan is white unto the harvest. The whole northern portion of the State is being rapidly settled, and among these are great numbers from the older congregations of the Synod and from Germany. The difficulty has not been so much the want of means, as the want of men. President Klingman expressed only half the truth when he remarked, that "if suitable laborers could have been procured, the number of churches in this Synod might have been doubled." The cry of our brethren in this State also for helpers in this the time of need, goes up to God; and surely He who hears and answers prayer, will yet give wisdom to this Council, ere we seperate, to devise some plan of greatly increasing both the number and efficiency of the ministry we so much need.

Conclusion.

In conclusion, your committee desire to express their conviction, that a crisis has been reached in the operations of our District Synods, as well as of the General Committee, which demands the most earnest and prayerful attention. With few exceptions this great interest is not receiving its proper consideration in our churches. In connection with the systematic training of a devout and well qualified ministry, it is the one great interest. To "go into all the world and preach Christ's gospel," we must do so at home, and to the millions of our own household, or we deny the

faith and become worse than infidels. In order, therefore, to give to this subject the benefit not only of earnest thought, but of practical action, your committee present the following suggestions for the earnest consideration of this Convention :

1. The repeal of the action of the General Council, at Greensburg, in regard to the plan of general missionary operations.

2. Your committee recommend that in addition to the election of the Executive Committee on Home Missions, a German Executive Committee be elected whose seat shall be in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., with special reference to the interests of the German immigrants of the United States and Canada, and also with authority from this body to establish a preparatory school to prepare candidates for the Theological Seminary, with the distinct understanding, however, that in the establishment and management of such an institution, authority be not given to incur expenses or contract debts in the name of the General Council.

3. Your committee further recommend that the Central Mission Committee of the Swedish Augustana Synod be appointed as the Swedish Executive Committee of the General Council, to whom all those missionary interests of a general character shall be referred, which relate to the welfare of the Swedish population in this country.

W. A. PASSAVANT, T. H. LANE,
E. BELFOUR, A. LANGE,
J. K. MELHORN, W. W. WATTLES,
E. SMITH, J. A. SHEAFER.

The recommendations of the committee were taken up for consideration.

1. The proposal to reconsider the action taken last year in reorganizing the Home Mission work was not accepted.

2. The proposal to appoint a German Committee to take charge of the German Home Mission work, and the founding of a Pro-Seminar, were discussed.

Pending this discussion, Rev. E. Carlson was permitted to make a statement in regard to the views and wishes of the Augustana Synod in regard to the establishment of English Churches by this Council in places where the Synod has congregations. The substance of the statement is, that where such churches are to be established, they and their pastors should be in connection with the Augustana Synod.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. Volz.

NINTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, Oct. 25, 8.45 A. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. F. W. Weiskotten. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

The special order, the doctrinal discussion, was resumed, and continued to the close of the session. Pending the discussion, the Council adjourned, with prayer by Rev. J. Kohler.

TENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 2 P. M.

The religious services were conducted by Rev. C. J. Petri. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

The discussion pending at the close of the last session, in regard to the German Home Mission work, was resumed. The following action was taken:

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of German members, shall be appointed to take charge of the German Home Mission work of this Council.

Resolved, That this committee be instructed to consider whether any connection with educational institutions in Europe, or the establishment of any additional institutions or department in an existing institution in this country, is necessary to meet the special wants of the Church.

Resolved, That the Central Mission Committee of the Augustana Synod be appointed as the committee of this Council to care for our Swedish interests outside their own Synodical bounds. The committee consists of the following members: Revs. E. Carlson, J. Wikstrand, N. T. Winquist, V. Setterdahl and J. P. Nyquist, and Messrs. Gus. Johnson, A. P. Nelson, P. Colseth and C. J. Samuelson.

The report was then adopted as a whole. The following were appointed a committee to nominate five ministers and five laymen to constitute the German Committee on Home Missions: Revs. H. Gilbert, G. A. Hinterleitner, C. L. Eberhard, J. Brezing, G. W. Mechling, J. G. M. Hursch, C. J. Petri, S. Fritschel, D. D., and Mr. W. A. Schmitthenner.

The Committee on the Minutes of District Synods presented its report, as follows:

Minutes of District Synods.

The committee would respectfully state that the minutes of District Synods were examined, and the following general report is hereby presented:

I. THE MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The annual meeting of the Ministerium was held at Pottstown, Pa., June 9th–15th, 1881. The Ministerium numbers two hundred and six ministers, of whom one hundred and seventy-six were present. There were also one hundred and four lay delegates present. The Synod numbers 85,690 confirmed members, of whom 72,273 communed during the year. The Sunday schools number in Lutheran schools, 32,410 scholars; and in others, 13,971 scholars. The parochial schools number 1,614 scholars. The published proceedings show the increased interest of the Synod in the care of its congregations, the improvement of its Sunday schools, the support of young men preparing for the Christian ministry, the support of Home and Foreign Missions, the aid of its Orphan House and the Home of the Aged and Infirm, the encouragement of the circulation of good church and Sunday school literature, the preservation of the early history of the Lutheran Church in this country, and the preparation for the proper observance of the Fourth Centennial of the Birth of the Great Reformer.

The report of the delegates to the last meeting of the General Council presented the action of the Council on the "Reorganization of Home Missions," and the Synod accepted the arrangement, by which it should aid the Pittsburgh Synod in the support of the Missions in Chicago, prosecute the work of Missions in Nebraska, and co-operate with the Synod of Texas in the enlargement of their Home Missionary work.

II. THE NEW YORK MINISTERIUM.

The annual session of this body was held from June 23d to June 28th, 1881, in Rondout, N. Y. According to the minutes of this convention, there are connected with this Ministerium 70 pastors, 69 congregations, with 21,495 communicants; 70 Sunday schools with 1,135 teachers and 12,144 scholars; 33 parochial schools with 49 teachers and 2,245 pupils. The receipts from all sources were $2,471.77. The Ministerium has given aid to seven mission stations within its field of labor. Three students from the Philadelphia Seminary were ordained by this body at its last convention.

The Ministerium resolved, (1) To take up a special collection to pay its share of salary due the former Castle Garden Missionary, Rev. R. Neumann; (2) To recommend the publication of the German Sunday School Book without music, by the General Council.

The new constitution for congregations was greeted with pleasure. It was recommended as a model to all new congregations, and to such old ones as have a mind to change their constitution; and also to the conferences for examination, in order to familiarize pastors and people with it and the principles which underlie it.

A committee was appointed to work out a plan for systematic beneficence, and the consideration of the claim of Domestic Missions was urged upon conferences.

The Ministerium has been engaged in revising its constitution, and has adopted paragraphs 47 to 63 inclusive, relating to duties of pastors, and the reception and dismission of pastors and congregations.

III. THE PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

This Synod rejoices in its prosperous condition. It numbers 75 pastors, 70 pastoral charges, 146 congregations and 12,376 communicants. It aids 19 missions, in the support of which it expended $2,100, and resolved again to pay one-fifth of its collections for Home Missions to the General Council. During the past year the Synod supported nine young men in their preparation for the ministry—five in the Theological Seminary and four in Thiel College. The Synod contemplates the enlargement of its college work, not only by the erection of a "Boarding Hall," but also by the erection of another building.

The action of the General Council at its last annual meeting on the "Reorganization of Home Missions," was decidedly disapproved by the Synod.

IV. THE ENGLISH DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

The twenty-fifth convention of this body took place in Stoutsville on the 31st of last August. This Synod, although surrounded by two extreme tendencies of the church, has continued its work without any serious interruption. Though not large in the number of pastors, the field which it occupies invites it to the work of inner missions, in which it manifests a commendable zeal.

The fact that about every fourth charge is a home mission field, in which pastors are supported by this Synod, affords proof that with the gradual increase of the number of charges, and the manifest growth of the work in the interest of their body it will before long prove a very important integral part of the General Council. Situated as it is, important fields

are opening to it in such places as Toledo, Cleveland, and other growing towns, which the Synod is really not able to go up and possess for want of means to support pastors there.

For the past year seven mission stations have been aided. In accordance with the arrangements of the missionary plan of the General Council last year, this body has taken the support of the mission in Columbus; and were it not owing to the fact that its treasury is already overdrawn, it could readily undertake such a mission as that in Toledo, which presents itself to the attention of the church with the fairest prospect of a comparatively speedy success. Evidences of the enlargement of the work in the charges of this Synod, together with the formation of new fields, give signs of the vitality of our cause.

The commonly felt want of men and means, however, presses most sorely. The work of education, also, has engaged the serious consideration of this body. Three young men are supported in their preparation for the ministry. The Synod also has ordered the payment of $25 towards the contingent fund of the General Council.

V. THE SYNOD OF MICHIGAN.

The twenty-second annual meeting of this body was held October 2d to 5th, 1881, in Bay City, Michigan. The Synod numbers 26 pastors and 45 congregations, besides a number of preaching points. A number of congregations are about calling pastors for themselves. The number of communicants, erroneously reported 1,000 too low a year ago, is now nearly 6,000. Two more congregations during the past year appointed permanent teachers. Where this is not yet possible the pastors teach the parochial schools. The Synod collected for Home and Foreign Missions and other benevolent objects, about $2,500. During the past Synodical year two churches and one school house were erected.

The Synod resolved, that at the Convention of the General Council at Rochester, N. Y., its request of last year be renewed, viz., that the General Council publish a German Church paper as its organ.

VI. SWEDISH AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

This Synod held its last convention in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lindsburg, Kansas, July 9th to 18th, 1881. It numbers 147 ministers, 332 congregations, 226 church edifices, and 41,076 communicants. The whole membership amounts to 74,716.

During the last year Augustana College and Theological Seminary was attended by 159 students, and Gustavus Adolphus College, in St. Peter, Minn., had also a good attendance. At the former institution the Synod

has supported 59 beneficiaries, at an expense of $5,600. At Rock Island a new professor's house has been erected at a cost of $5,000. The colleges are in a prosperous condition.

The Synod has four Orphan Homes, located at Andover, Ill., Vasa, Minnesota, Maridahl, Kansas, and Stanton, Iowa. The New York Conference has as yet no Orphans' Home, but at the last meeting of the Conference in Philadelphia, a committee was appointed to see what could be done for the erection of a Swedish Orphan Home in the East. The Illinois and Minnesota Conferences solicit and collects subscriptions for the erection of hospitals, one to be located in Illinois and the other in Minnesota.

The Synod has 169 Sunday schools and 91 parochial schools. The number of scholars in the Sunday schools has been, if the regular attendance is counted, 4,645, and in the parochial schools 2,257.

The contributions of the last year were liberal. For the maintenance of Augustana College was contributed $9,676.27, for Home Missions $3,739.84; exclusive of these contributions for special missions in the conferences: for Foreign Missions $1,526.26, and for other benevolent objects $21,142.54.

VII. THE CANADA SYNOD.

The last annual meeting was held at Toronto, Province of Ontario, Canada, from June 8th to 13th, 1881. The Synod, twenty-one years old, numbers 24 pastors, 65 congregations, of whom nine were reported vacant. The Synod sustained six missions, of which two have become self-sustaining.

VIII. THE TEXAS SYNOD.

No minutes of the Texas Synod were handed to the committee, but the committee is pleased to report from official correspondence that the Synod continues its good work. There is a general desire to prosecute the work of Home Missions, but men and means are needed.

IX. INDIANA SYNOD.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last convention of this body show that the strength and condition of this Synod are about the same as last year. It consists of 14 ministers, 28 congregations and 2,106 communicants. This small body is scattered over a large territory, and is burdened with mission work which it cannot accomplish. It has at present two missions and made appropriation to two vacant charges on condition that they secure pastors. The Synod at its last meeting appropriated $100 to the support of a traveling missionary in Kansas. As the Home

Mission subject is of so much importance, the Synod appointed a committee to investigate the subject in all its phases, and report the result of their labors at its next convention, that its best efforts may be put forth to meet the demands of the Synod.

X. THE HOLSTON SYNOD.

This Synod, composed of 14 ministers and 25 churches, occupies the southern outposts of the General Council. No provision was made to meet the traveling expenses of delegates to this Convention, for which we are heartily sorry. These brethren have resolved with renewed determination to engage in the work of education by maintaining the Mosheim Institute.

There have been no minutes or information communicated from those Synods which have the right of debate.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. F. Schantz, J. G. M. Hursch,
Geo. H. Gomph, Chr. L. Eberhard,
C. Witmer, J. Brezing,
H. Gilbert, John Born,
C. E. Lindberg, A. Lange.

The consideration of the request of the New York Ministerium that an edition of the German Sunday School Book should be published without the music, and of the proposition to provide a suitable number of hymns for infant classes in the English Sunday School Book, was deferred until the Report of the Church Book Committee is presented.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The report of the Church Book Committee was presented, as follows:

Report of Church Book Committee.

THE GERMAN CHURCH BOOK.

According to the last statement of Sherman & Co., up to October 19. 1881, 14,000 copies of the large size, and 16,500 of the small size have been sold. The premiums accruing to the General Council from these sales amount to $3,750. The original cost of the plates of the two editions was $2,700, and that of the "Probedruck" $750; total $3,450, leaving a balance to defray the interest on the money advanced by Sherman & Co., and for the expense of a few alterations in the plates of the large size edition, of $300.

Mr. Kohler, of Philadelphia, has lost by fire 200 copies of the large size and 555 of the small size, on which he has paid the premium to Sherman & Co., amounting to $85.50. He asks that this amount be refunded to him.

Your committee deem it advisable that some modifications should be made in the arrangements for the publication of the book, in order to facilitate the sale and introduction of the German Church Book, which is the true exponent and representative of the confessional standing of this body, and ought to form a strong bond of union not only among all our German Synods and congregations, but also between the German and English speaking sections of our Church.

The booksellers should be allowed to buy from the printer smaller quantities than 1,000 copies at a time, and the committee should have liberty to publish condensed editions of the book.

THE GERMAN SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK.

Of this book 3,000 copies have been sold during the past year, amounting to $150 premiums for the General Council, and leaving a balance still due to the publishers of $226.49.

No progress has been made in the musical alterations allowed by this body, owing to Mr. Endlich's feeble health.

Several applications have lately been made for permission to use a few of the tunes of our Sunday School Book in other collections of songs. As the committee did not feel themselves authorized to give such permission without the judgment of the General Council, this matter is hereby submitted to your decision.

ENGLISH SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK.

There were sold from October, 1880, to October, 1881, 1,501 copies of the Sunday School Book on which the premium accruing is $45.03, and of the Sunday School Book without music 2,342 copies, on which the premium is $42.15; total premium, $87.18. The account stands as follows:

Balance due the Council, Oct. 1, 1880,		$136 93
Paid balance of cost of plates,		43 65
		$ 93 28
Premiums accrued,		87 18
Amount to the credit of Council,		$180 46

This amount is to be applied to the removal of the debt on the edition without music.

ENGLISH CATECHISM.

Of the Catechism with Proof Passages there have been sold, Oct. 1, 1880, to Oct., 1881, 1,000 copies, on which the premium accrued is $15. The amount due for the plates was $117.03, and the amount now due, after deducting the premium, is $102.03.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was considered by items. On motion, it was

Resolved, That the premiums paid by Mr. Kohler to Sherman & Co. on so many of the copies of the Church Book as he lost by fire be refunded to him.

Resolved, That the committee be authorized to determine the number of books which dealers may purchase of the printer.

At this point in the order of business, the report of the committee appointed to nominate suitable persons to constitute the German Home Mission Committee, was presented. They nominated the following: Revs. F. Wischan, J. H. Baden, E. F. Moldehnke, Ph. D., J. J. Kŭndig, F. W. Weiskotten, and Messrs. J. Born, J. C. File, T. H. Diehl, A. Bendel and F. A. Stohlman. The German Secretary, by instruction of the Council, cast the vote of the body for these nominees and declared them elected.

The Executive Committee on Home Missions was reappointed, with the substitution of Henry Balken in the place of Col. D. A. Armor, deceased, and Rev. S. L. Harkey in the place of Rev. E. Smith, who has moved to the eastern part of the State. The committee consists of the following: Revs. W. A. Passavant, D.D., J. K. Melhorn, E. Belfour, W. F. Ulery and S. L. Harkey, and Messrs. A. Lange, M. D., T. H. Lane, Henry Balken, W. W. Wattles and J. A. Sheafer.

The report of the treasurer of the Executive Committee on Home Missions was read and adopted, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

THOMAS H. LANE, *Treasurer, in account with*
Home Mission Fund of General Council.

1880. DR.

Nov. 2.	To cash proceeds of collection taken at meeting in Greensburg for mission in Kansas,			$ 25 87
Dec. 13.	Rev. J. Welfley, Bowerston, O., Kansas mission,			10 00
22.	Rev. D. M. Kemerer, Kansas mission, from St. Bartholomew's church,		$ 5 00	
	St. Paul's church,		5 00	
	Zion's church,		10 00	
				20 00
31.	"A Friend," Johnstown, Pa.,			1 00
	Rev. C. F. Tieman, Freeport, Kansas mission,			10 00
1881.				
Jan. 3.	Rev. D. M. Kemerer, Kansas mission,			25 00
	Miss Zimmerman, per Rev. E. Smith,			2 00
13.	J. Fry, D. D., Treas. of G. E. L. M., of P. and A. S.,			450 00
17.	Rev. Enoch Smith,			5 00
	Rev. J. S. Fink, Brush Creek cong., Kansas mission,			25 00
18.	A. N. Bartholomew, Kansas mission,			5 00
	Miss C. L., Jacksonville, Ills.,			2 50
19.	Rev. J. Ash, Kansas mission,			13 10
	C. L Himmelwright, Wildwood Springs, Cumberland Co., Pa.,			5 00
Feb. 5.	Susan Himmelwright,			5 00
Mar. 1.	"Nameless One," per Rev. J. K. Melhorn, Kansas mission,			1 00
Apr. 4.	Rev. D. M. Kemerer, for Kansas mission—			
	S. Michael and wife,	1 sheep,	$5 00	
	Jas. Aiken,	1 "	4 50	
	Wm. Lease,	1 "	5 00	
	W. A. Strayer,	1 "	5 00	
	Jacob Heisler,	1 "	5 00	
	Allison Miller,	1 "	5 00	
	John Miller,	1 "	5 00	
	Jacob Condo,	1 "	5 00	
	Daniel Gutschall,	1 "	5 00	
	Samuel Guthrie,	1 "	5 00	
	Abram Busby,	1 "	5 50	
	Jesse Miksell,	1 "	4 00	
	Michael Sauer,	1 " pelt,	1 00	
				60 00
11.	Rev. Joseph Rechtsteiner, Kansas mission,			10 45
27.	Rev. John Sander, Ridgway, Pa., Kansas mission,			5 00
	Rev. J. K. Herbster, Tuscarawas, O., Kansas mission,			20 00
June 3.	Rev. H W. Roth, Kansas mission,			30 00
9.	Rev. G. H. Gerberding, Kansas mission,			10 00
15.	Sunday school of Holy Trinity ch., New York,			100 00
July 26.	Rev. V. B. Christy, Kansas mission—			
	Adamsburg congregation,		$10 00	
	Irwin congregation,		5 00	
	Jacob Leisinger,		5 00	
				20 00

July 29.	Rev. Jacob Fry, D. D., Treas. of G. E. L. M. of P. and A. S.,		$450 00	
Aug. 24.	Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr., Kansas mission,		30 00	
Oct. 17.	Rev. E. Belfour, Colorado mission,		25 00	
	Pittsburgh Synod, per Jas. Sheafer, Treas.,		454 31	
19.	Rev. E. Smith, Colorado mission,		10 00	
	Rev. J. Kunzman, Kittanning cong., Kansas mission,		25 00	
	Rev. H. Peters, Saegerstown, Pa., Kansas mission,		13 00	
	Rev. Tieman, Winfield church, Butler Co., Pa., Kansas mission,		10 00	
	Thos. Sheck, Rochester, Pa., Kansas mission,		6 00	
	Rev. C. H. Hemsath, Rochester, Pa., Kansas mission,		25 00	
	Rev. W. A. C. Miller, Cochran's Mills, Pa., Kansas mission,		25 00	
	Rev. P. Riffer, Middle Lancaster, Pa., Kansas mission,		15 00	
	Rev. Sander, Ridgway, Pa., Kansas mission,		5 00	
	Rev. J. S. Lawson, Kansas mission,		10 00	
			$1,964 23	
	Amt. borrowed from Thiel College,	$1,671 50		
	Cash on hand,	158 53		
			1,512 97	
				$3,477 20

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1881.				
Jan. 15.	By cash paid Rev. H. Reck, for services rendered in Chicago, Ill.,		$ 150 00	
18.	By cash paid Rev. J. Koiner, for services in Minneapolis, Minn.,		25 00	
May 9.	By cash paid Rev. J. C. Cooper, traveling expenses to Kansas,		22 00	
Aug. 7.	By cash paid Rev. J. Sarver, traveling expenses, Kansas mission,		100 00	
	By cash paid Rev. W. A. Schaeffer, Chicago,			
	Jan. 18,	$125 00		
	May 11,	125 00		
	July 29,	125 00		
	Oct. 19,	125 00		
			500 00	
	By cash paid Rev. C. Koerner, Chicago,—			
	May 11,	$300 00		
	July 29,	300 00		
	Oct. 19,	300 00		
			900 00	
	By cash paid W. W. Wattles, Treas. Thiel College, for one year's interest on note,		100 29	
	By cash paid Rev. W. A. Passavant, D. D., traveling expenses to Minnesota,		25 00	
	By cash paid Rev. Telleen, Denver, Colorado,		50 00	
			$1,872 29	
	Balance overdrawn, as per last account,		1,604 91	
				$3,477 20

Received for Kansas Mission present year,	$464 42	
" " previous "	390 35	
		$854 77
Paid Rev. J. C. Cooper, for traveling expenses,	$ 22 00	
" J. Sarver, " "	100 00	
		122 00
Balance of fund, contributed for Kansas Mission,		$732 77

Having been appointed by Home Mission Committee of the General Council to audit Treasurer's account, we hereby report the same to be correct.

JAMES SHEAFER,
A. LANGE,
Auditing Committee.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 19, 1881.

The consideration of the report of the Church Book Committee was resumed.

Action on the recommendation to authorize the committee to publish a condensed edition of the German Church Book was postponed until next year.

Authority was given the committee to grant permission, according to their discretion, to parties desiring to use some of our hymns and tunes in their books.

The committee was also authorized to publish the German Sunday School Book, without the music, as desired by the New York Ministerium, subject to existing contracts.

The privilege was given the committee to add new matter to the Sunday School Book, according to their best judgment.

The committee was instructed to insert the designation of the meters over the hymns which are printed without the music, and the question of additional hymns for infant classes was referred to the committee, with power to act.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The following resolutions of thanks were adopted:

Resolutions of Thanks.

Resolved, 1. That the thanks of this Council be returned to the Lutheran pastors and congregations of Rochester, who have so hospitably entertained us during this Convention, and that the pastors be requested to read this resolution to their congregations on next Sunday.

Resolved, 2. That our thanks are also due to D. W. Powers, Esq., for the rare privilege enjoyed by the Council in visiting, by his invitation, the Powers building and its gallery of art, located in this city, and that the English Secretary be instructed to convey this action to Mr. Powers.

Resolved, 3. That our thanks be also returned to the officers of the several Railroad companies who passed delegates to this Convention over their roads at reduced fare.

Resolved, 4. That we also express our appreciation and thanks to Rev. J. Nicum, who so ably and fully reported the proceedings of this Council, and to the editors of the daily papers of Rochester for publishing these reports.

The Committee on the Minutes of Last Year reported, as follows:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Last Year.

Your Committee on Minutes of Last Year, find the following items of business which require attention:

1. The Committee on Constitution of District Synods had not completed its work last year. (p. 38, item 2.)

2. The Committee on Relief Associations failed to report and was continued. (p. 38, item 5.)

3. Has the Church Book Committee co-operated with the General Synod South in preparing a "Service Book?" (p. 38, item 6.)

4. The paper which Dr. Schmucker was instructed to prepare on the Relation of Confirmation to Adult Baptism, was not presented last year. (p. 38, item 7.)

5. The Committee on Constitution for Congregations was directed to prepare a formula for the call of a pastor. (p. 44.)

6. It was resolved that the District Synods, through the Vice Presidents, report at this Convention concerning the introduction and use of the German Church Book. (p. 46.)

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Weiskotten,
C. J. Petri,
W. Hauff,
A. Bendel,
J. G. M. Hursch.

The report was considered by items.

Item 1. Committee not ready to report.

Item 2. The committee on Relief Societies reports progress.

Item 3. Our past action is all that can be given.

Item 4. No answer.

Item 5. No report or action.

Item 6. No report.

The report was adopted.

Power was given to the German Home Mission Committee to publish a paper in the interest of their work, but without any expense to this Council.

It was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to determine whether the publications owned by this Council can be managed with greater profit to its financial interests.

The President appointed, as such committee: Revs. F. Wischan, F. W. Weiskotten, H. Grahn, and Messrs. J. C. File and W. H. Staake, Esq.

The subject selected for doctrinal discussion, for next year's Convention of the Council, is "The Relation of Synods to the Congregations."

Minutes.

The Secretaries were directed to have printed 1,000 copies of the minutes, in English and in German; and 200 extra copies of the report of the Foreign Mission Committee, separately bound.

Time and Place of Next Meeting.

The next Convention will be held in St. Peter's Church, Lancaster, Ohio, beginning on the third Thursday of October, 1882.

On motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

Adjournment.

The Council adjourned after singing from hymn 274, and uniting in the Litany.

EDMUND BELFOUR,
English Recording Secretary.

STATISTICS OF THE DISTRICT SYNODS.

SYNODS.	Organized.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Time and Place of Next Convention.
1. Ministerium of Pennsylvania	1748	206	394	85,690	June 1st, 1882, Philadelphia, Pa.
2. Ministerium of New York	1787	70	69	21,945	June 15th, 1882, Rochester, N. Y.
3. Pittsburgh Synod	1845	74	142	12,876	August —, 1882, Wheeling, W. Va.
4. District Synod of Ohio	1857	31	65	7,067	
5. Michigan Synod	1858	25	49	5,464	
6. Augustana Synod (Swedish)	1860	147	332	41,976	
7. Canada Synod	1861	25	60	7,000	May 31st, 1882, Heidelberg.
8. Texas Synod	1851	30	37	5,383	
9. Indiana Synod	1871	14	28	2,106	June 1st, 1882, New Augusta.
10. Holston Synod	1861	13	25	1,818	
1. German Synod of Iowa	1854	161	270	25,000	
2. Norwegian Augustana Synod	1860	22	53	7,000	
		818	1,525	223,795	

APPENDIX.

SERMONS AND ADDRESSES.

Thursday forenoon, Opening Sermon, Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D.

Friday evening, on Foreign Missions, Revs. Dr. B. M. Schmucker and C. L. Eberhard.

Sunday forenoon, Church of the Reformation, Rev. J. Fry, D. D.

" evening, " " " Rev. W. A. Passavant, D D.

" forenoon, Zion's Church, Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D.

" evening, " " Rev. E. F. Moldehnke, Ph. D.

" forenoon, St. John's Church, Rev. G. A. Wenzel.

" " Concordia " Rev. L. König.

" afternoon, Zion's Church, Four Sunday Schools, Revs. Dr. W. A. Passavant and E. F. Moldehnke, Ph. D.

Monday evening, on Home Missions, Revs. E. Belfour and F. Wischan.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTEENTH CONVENTION

OF THE

GENERAL COUNCIL

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church

IN NORTH AMERICA,

HELD IN

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MINUTES.

The Fifteenth Convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America was held in St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lancaster, Ohio, Rev. G. W. Mechling, pastor. It was opened with divine services on Thursday, November 9th, 1882, at 10:30 A. M. The sermon was preached in the English language by the President, Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D., and the Holy Communion was administered.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, November 9th, 3 P. M.

The session was opened by the President in due form, after which he declared the Council ready to proceed to the transaction of business. In the absence of the German Recording Secretary, Rev. Dr. E. F. Moldehnke, Rev. F. W. Weiskotten was chosen to fill that office *pro tempore.*

The list of Synods was called, the credentials of the delegates presented and their names entered on the

ROLL OF THE COUNCIL.

I. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA AND ADJACENT STATES.

Ministers.	Lay Delegates.
Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D.,	Mr. H. Lehman,
" A. Spaeth, D. D.,	" T. H. Diehl,
" B. M. Schmucker, D. D.,	" L. L. Haupt,
" F. J. F. Schantz,	" Wm. Hauff.

Ministers.	Lay Delegates.
Rev. F. Wischan,	
" S. Laird,	
" J. J. Kuendig,	
" G. H. Trabert,	
" G. A. Hinterleitner,	
" F. W. Weiskotten,	
" R. F. Weidner.	

II. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND ADJACENT STATES AND COUNTRIES.

Rev. J. C. J. Petersen,	Mr. W. A. Schmithenner,
" A. Richter.	" John H. Evans.

III. PITTSBURGH SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Rev. Edmund Belfour,	Mr. A. Lange, M. D.,
" W. A. Passavant, D. D.,	" J. Klingensmith,
" G. A. Wenzel,	" S. J. Beck,
" Prof. H. Gilbert,	" G. D. Swaim.
" G. H. Gerherding,	
" O. Meerwein,	
" W. F. Ulery.	

IV. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

Rev. G. W. Mechling,	Mr. G. F. Lerch,
" S. L. Harkey, D. D.,	Hon. G. W. Overmeyer,
" J. H. Hunton.	Dr. G. G. Beck.

V. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF MICHIGAN.

Rev. S. Klingman.

VI. SCANDINAVIAN AUGUSTANA SYNOD. (SWEDISH.)

Rev. S. P. A. Lindahl,	Mr. A. B. Lilja.
" P. J. Sward.	

VII. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CANADA.

Rev. J. Brezing.

VIII. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD ON TEXAS.

Rev. E. Huber.

IX. INDIANA SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Rev. M. J. Stirewalt. Mr. J. H. Miller.

X. HOLSTON SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

No delegates present.

With the Privilege of Debate.

I. GERMAN SYNOD OF IOWA.

Rev. Prof. S. Fritschel, D. D.,
" " G. Fritschel, D. D.

II. NORWEGIAN AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

No delegates present.

Other Ministers Present.

The names of the following visiting ministers, "who are with this body in the unity of the faith as defined in its Fundamental Principles," were handed to the Secretaries:

Rev. J. Welfley,
" J. Snyder,
" F. P. Cook,
" H. Wetzel,
" Albert Siebert,
" G. Schmogrow,
Rev. J. E. Wesner,
" C. Koerner,
" C. Albrecht,
" J. Peters,
" J. F. Fahs,
" S. H. Swingle.

The President read his Report, which was received and referred to the following committee: Revs. B. M. Schmucker, D. D., Prof. H. Gilbert, A. Richter, and Messers. G. W. Overmeyer and H. Lehman.

President's Report.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Twelve years ago the General Council held its fourth convention in this city of Lancaster and enjoyed the hospitality of St. Peter's congregation. Now, by the grace of

God, we have the pleasure of holding another meeting in this place and rejoicing with this people, who have so kindly invited us a second time, in their beautiful new church building which they have just finished and which was consecrated to the service of the Triune God only last Sunday.

1. *Postponement of the time of the meeting.*

We meet three weeks after the time appointed by the last convention held in Rochester, N. Y., on November 9th instead of October 19th. The reasons which guided your officers in this action were the following: On October 22d the Bicentennial celebration of the landing of William Penn and the foundation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was inaugurated by religious services in which our pastors and congregations throughout Pennsylvania, and particularly in the city of Philadelphia, were expected to remember especially the goodness of the Lord as manifested in the history of the past two hundred years. It was the opinion of several prominent laymen that the Bicentennial celebration would "materially affect the attendance of the Pennsylvania delegation." For this reason your President opened a correspondence with the other officers and with the pastor of the Church which had invited the General Council. As all the officers consented to the postponement and as the congregation was heartily glad of it, because it gave them more time to complete their new church building, which would not have been ready for us by the 19th of October, it was thought best under the circumstances to use the authority given to the officers by Art. 3, Sec. 3 of the Constitution, which says: "In extraordinary cases the President, Secretaries and Treasurer may change time and place."

2. *Rev. Robert Neumann's Claim.*

From November 18, 1881, to November 2, 1882, a number of letters have been exchanged between your President and the attorney of Rev. Rob. Neumann with reference to the payment of the salary still due to the latter. The matter stands essentially where it stood last year, with this difference only that Mr. Neumann's attorney has advised him to accept the Committee's figures of $898.69 (with interest) "but with the distinct understanding that he does not assent to the justice of the Committee's claim." In submitting all the letters of Mr. M. M. Budlong and a communication from Rev. Rob. Neumann, together with copies of the correspondence

between Mr. Budlong and members of our Immigrant Mission Committee, allow me to express the confident hope that this will be the last time that this subject has to be presented in the official report of your President.

3. *Appeal from New Orleans, La.*

About the middle of August two letters were received from Luthern pastors in New Orleans, La., dated August 4th and 10th, appealing to the General Council for assistance in the missionary work which they had undertaken. Having no power to act in the case I conferred with the Chairman of our German Committee on Home Missions and answered the letter, and there the matter rested.

4. *Individual complaints against Synodical action.*

On October 26, 1882, a letter was received from Rev. Geo. Turk, of Reed City, Osceolo county, Mich., requesting me to lay before the General Council a paper addressed to this Body, and containing certain complaints against members of the Synod of Michigan which I herewith submit.

5. *Invitation for the next Convention.*

On November 6, 1882, a letter was received from Rev. J. W. Weiskotten of Philadelphia, containing a cordial invitation to the General Council to hold its next convention in St. James' German Lutheran Church in Philadelphia.

In submitting this short statement of my official action and correspondence during the past year, I fervently pray that the blessing of the Lord may rest upon this meeting of the General Council, that all its transactions may result to the building up of His kingdom and to the honor and praise of His holy name.

A. Spaeth.

The Council proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, Revs. G. H. Trabert, O. Meerwein and Mr. L. L. Haupt acting as tellers.

A communication from the New York Ministerium concerning the wants of our people on Ward's Island was read.

Resolved, That this subject be taken up in connection with the reports on Home Missions and that these reports be heard and considered to-morrow afternoon.

Resolved, That the business sessions be held each day from 9 to $11\frac{1}{2}$ A. M., and from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$ P. M.

Resolved, That, in accordance with resolutions of last year, doctrinal discussion shall take place to-morrow forenoon, and that the subject shall be the mutual relation of congregations and Synods as set forth in the Constitution of this Council under the head of "*Ecclesiastical Power and Church Government.*"

Resolved, That this part of the Constitution be printed at once for the use of the members of the Council.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was presented and its reading and consideration postponed until Monday afternoon.

The tellers reported the following result of the election of officers:

President, ... Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D.
English Recording Secretary,.... Rev. Edmund Belfour.
German Recording Secretary,.... Rev. F. W. Weiskotten.
English Corresponding Secretary, Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D.
German Corresponding Secretary, Rev. S. Klingman.
Swedish Corresponding Secretary, Rev. O. Olson.
Treasurer,..... W. H. Staake, Esq.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. C. J. Petersen.

SECOND SESSION.

Friday, November 10, 9 A. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. G. A. Wenzel. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

The special order was taken up and the part of the Constitution of the Council, which had been ordered printed, was read. An earnest discussion on the general principles followed, participated in by many of the brethren, and continued until the close of the session.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. E. Huber.

THIRD SESSION.

Nov. 10, 1:30 P. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. F. W. Weiskotten. The minutes were read and approved.

In the absence of the Treasurer of the Council, W. H. Staake, Esq., Rev. F. Wischan was appointed to act in his place *pro tempore.*

The Treasurer's Report was presented and referred to the following Auditing Committee: Messrs. W. A. Schmithenner, A. Lange, M. D., and W. Hauff.

Treasurer's Report.

FOREIGN MISSION FUND ACCOUNT.

1881.		DR.	
Oct. 17.	To balance on hand (see last Minutes).....	$	724 31
17.	To cash, H. Vandersmissen, Treasurer Canada Synod.....		40 00
17.	" Rev. Klingmann, Salem Ch., Ann Arbor.....		75 00
Nov. 2.	" Rev. Wischan.....		67 80
17.	" Rev. Wischan (I. C. F. C.).....		15 00
17.	" Rev. Wischan.....		106 94
21.	" G. A. Ekeberg, Sw. Ev. Luth S. S. in Aurora.....		7 00
21.	" Same, Sw. Ev. Luth. S. S. in Batavia, Ill.....		7 00
Dec. 6.	" Rev. Wischan.....		81 66
10.	" J. Sarver, from Mrs. L. Hill, Leachburg, Pa.....		5 00
22.	" W. A. Schmithenner, N. Y. Ministerium.....		100 44
25.	" J. A. Bauman, Eng. Bible Class, Gust. Adolph. College.....		10 50
31.	" Rev. Wischan.....		142 96
31.	" Transferred from Missionsbote acct..		600 00
1882.			
Jan. 3.	" Rev. J. Fry, D. D., from Penn'a Min.....		132 24
7.	" Rev. Wischan.....		37 42
11.	" Rev. J. M. Ulrich, Pillow, Pa., collection Fifth Conf. at Vera Cruz, 10-12-81.....		5 20
17.	" Brobst, Diehl & Co., contributions..		66 17
16.	" Rev. Wischan.....		260 41

Jan.	21.	"	Rev. Wischan	$ 77 41
	28.	"	Rev. Wischan	37 30
	30.	"	Ed. T. Horn, St. John's Church, Charleston, S. C	21 34
	31.	"	Rev. Klingmann, Ann Arbor, Mich., for I. G	50 00
	31.	"	Rev. Dr. Fry, Churches, &c., of Min. of Pa., for January	241 51
Feb.	4.	"	Rev. Wischan	110 00
	4.	"	Rev. Dr. Krotel, from J. H. of Carrollton, Carroll Co., Ohio	5 00
	11.	"	Rev. Wischan	81 15
	17.	"	Rev. Wischan	26 30
	18.	"	Charles A. Hinitsh, Lancaster, Pa., for support of Ch. Henry	30 00
	25.	"	Rev. Wischan	58 94
	25.	"	Rev. A. B. Pflueger, Tarporthsville, Northumberland Co., Pa	16 00
Mar.	4.	"	Rev. Wischan	86 00
	11.	"	Rev. Wischan	47 11
	18.	"	Rev. Wischan	20 86
	28.	"	C. J. Cooper, Freemansburg, S. S	1 50
	28.	"	Same, Kinderlehre, held at Freemansburg	1 21
	28.	"	Fair, held by Clara and Jennie	1 30
April	1.	"	Rev. Wischan	48 50
	3.	"	St. Mark's Ev. Luth. S. S., for support of Sus. Monroe	25 00
	15.	"	Rev. Wischan	67 72
	21.	"	Rev. Dr. Fry, Min. of Penn'a	77 00
	21.	"	Same, support of P. Mesheg	35 00
	21.	"	Same, support of a girl from St. Luke's S. S	15 00
	27.	"	Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jewett, Ohio, Rev. G. H. Gerberding, from Ladies' Aid Soc., St. James' Ch.	10 00
	27.	"	Same, Amos Hilbert	5 00
	27.	"	Mrs. E. Mikesell	1 00
	27.	"	Mrs. Barrick	1 00
	27.	"	Mrs. Martin	1 00
	27.	"	Rev. J. A. Roof	1 00
	29.	"	Rev. Wischan	48 23
May	16.	"	Christ Ch. Ev. Luth. S. S., Chestnut Hill	14 18
	16.	"	Rev. Wischan	558 98
	20.	"	W. A. Schmithenner, Treasurer of the N. Y. Ministerium, as per list received by Rev. Wischan	77 35

May	30	To cash, Rev. Dr. Fry, as follows:		
		Rev. H. W. Fegley	$	1 00
		" A. P. Pflueger		50 00
		" D. K. Hambert		30 00
		" A. E. Eidman		56 00
		" D. D. Trexler		9 34
		" I. T. Ohl		29 21
		" J. Fry		70 00
		" M. C. Horine		100 00
		" Dr. Smann		250 00
		Int. on Wemle Legacy from Dr. Spaeth's Cong		47 50
June	3.	" A. A. Klove, Cong., &c., Norwegian Augustana Synod, Leland, Ill		102 67
	7.	" Ewald Over, Indianapolis, from his wife		20 00
	7.	" Thos. M. Lewry, St. Mark's Ev. Luth. S. S		100 00
	7.	" Same, Teluga Miss., Class A, J. D. Houpt, teacher, for education of a Telugu		40 75
	7.	" James Scheafer, Treas. First Eng. Luth. Ch. of Pittsburgh, Pa. (Rev. Belfour)		200 00
July	5.	" Rev. Dr. Fry, as follows:		
		Rev. J. M. Anspbach		50 00
		" B. F. Apple		76 39
		" E. S. Brownsmiller		5 50
		" J. J. Cressman		15 00
		" J. A. Darmstetter		35 00
		" J. C. Dizinger		10 00
		" H. S. Fegley		15 56
		" C. G. Fischer		20 00
		" G. D. Foust		28 76
		" J. W. Gancker		15 00
		" H. Grahn		13 27
		" J. Grubler		9 82
June	17.	" Rev. Wischan		124 12
July	1.	" Rev. Wischan		16 50
	5.	" Rev. Dr. Fry, continued.		
		Rev. G. F. W. Guensh		10 00
		" S. S. Henry		25 00
		" R. Hill		75 00
		" T. T. Jaeger		50 00
		" F. C. C. Kaehler		8 00
		" A. Leopold		100 00
		" F. P. Juagser		30 00

July	5.	To cash, Rev. Dr. Fry, continued.		
		Rev. G. P. Muehler	$	12 00
		" E. Nidecker		5 00
		" J. B. Rath		25 00
		" B. W. Schmauck		50 00
		" J. H. Schmidt		3 00
		" B. M. Schmucker, D. D.		50 00
		" H. E. Semmel		18 12
		" A. Spaeth, D. D.		100 00
		" F. Steck		7 50
		" W. H. Strauss		20 00
		" G. H. Trabert		93 27
		" D. D. Trexler		5 50
		" F. Walz		50 00
		" J. F. Wampole		20 00
		" F. Wischan		50 00
		" P. Ischenschmidt, scholar in India		35 00
		Trinity S. S., Reading, scholar in India		30 00
	9.	" Rev. Dr. G. F. Krotel, from Wm. Hauff, N. Y		10 00
	27.	" Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, East Germantown, Indiana, from Miss Hattie Heist		5 00
	22.	" Rev. Wischan		253 26
Aug.	11.	" From the Ev. Luth. Ministerium of the State of N. Y		382 28
	11.	" From St. Peter's Church, N. Y., D. Moldehnke, for educating a scholar		30 00
	11.	" Rev. J. A. Baumann, Eng. Bible Class, Gust. Adolphus College		12 00
	11.	" St. Michael's S. S., Germantown, education of a boy		30 00
	12.	" Rev. Wischan		24 30
	17.	" Infant Dept. Christ Ev. Luth, S. S., Elizabethtown, Pa., Rev. Geo. S. Seaman		3 50
Sept.	1.	" Rev. F. Fischer		21 08
	6.	" Rev. H. Klingmann, Ann Arbor, Mich		100 00
	20.	" W. A. Schmithenner, Ev. Luth. Minst. of N. Y		52 00
Oct.	2.	" Rev. Fischer		221 23
	3.	" Rev. W. A. Passavant, St. C. M.,		
	3.	" Jacksonville, Ill		10 00
	3.	" L. Keller, E. S. Keller, @ $1		2 00

Oct.	3.	To cash,	A young man, for erection of a chapel in India	5 00	
	3.	"	Rev. Prof. Gilbert	1 42	
	3.	"	J. F. Ludwig	25	
	6.	"	Rev. Wischan	161 31	
	23.	"	Rev. (Wischan) Fischer	279 06	
Nov.	4.	"	Rev. Fischer	56 00	
	4.	"	Rev. Ed. T. Horn. Miss E. Gyles, Miss. Class, L. Ch., Columbiana, S. C.	60 25	
	4.	"	St. Paul's Eng. S. S., for education of a scholar	23 07	
	6.	"	Int. on Deposits in Bank, 3-23-82	21 44	
	6.	"	Same, 9-25-82	15 08	
	6.	"	Rev. Wischan	61 49	
				$8,638 73	
			Account overdrawn	487 11	
					$9,125 84

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Nov.	1.	By cash,	Pilger Buchhundlung, books for library, duty expressage	$ 3 54	
	3.	"	Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,230 to Rev. Artman, £51.19.6	250 00	
	3.	"	Brown Bros. & Co., Draft No. 8,229 to Rev. Schmidt, £51.19.6	250 00	
	3.	"	Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,228 to Rev. Schmidt, £207.18	1,000 00	
	10.	"	Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,238 to Rev. Schmidt, £103.4	500 00	
	25.	"	MacKellar, Smith & Jordan, one electro	1 00	
	26.	"	Smith Bros., re-touching electro, &c.	2 25	
	27.	"	General Electro Agency, 9 electros	24 75	
	29.	"	MacKellar, Smith & Jordan, one electro	50	
Dec.	6.	"	Liebling Bros., stationery	2 00	
1882.					
Jan.	1.	"	John G. Maier, books, &c	7 60	
	26.	"	Rev. F. Wischan, books, papers, &c.	12 40	
	27.	"	Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,272 to Rev. Schmidt or Artman, £51.10.11	250 00	
	27.	"	Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,273 to Rev. Schmidt or Artman, £51.10.11	250 00	
Feb.	6.	"	MacKellar, Smith & Jordan, three electros	1 60	

Feb.	8.	By cash, Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,280 to Rev. Carlson or Schmidt, £52.1.8	$	250 00
	9.	" John G. Maier, books, binding, &c.		13 00
	14.	" Rev. F. Wischan, express and pge..		2 45
	14.	" Gen. Electro Agency, 12 electros.....		25 45
Mch.	7.	" Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,294 to Rev. Poulsen, £30.16.8...		150 00
	7.	" Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,292 to Rev. Schmidt, £51.16.....		250 00
	7.	" Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,293 to Rev. Artman, £51.7.9.....		250 00
	7.	" Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 1,594 to Marie Anderson, £20 7-9.....		100 00
	15.	" Registered Letter to India.....		18
	15.	" Registered Letter to Pilger Buchhlung and pge.....		22
	31.	" Longacre & Co., Krapf's Pictures...		3 75
	27.	" Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,302 to Rev. Artman, £205.11.10.....		1,000 00
May	1.	" Gen. Electro Agency, 8 electros.....		16 25
	2.	" MacKellar, Smith & Jordan, 9 cuts and repairing.....		8 25
	2.	" Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,332 to Rev. Artman, £102.9.2.....		500 00
	25.	" Theo. E. Schmauck, repairing museum of India curiosities.....		97
	29.	" Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,348 to Rev. Poulsen, £12.2		59 00
	29.	" Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 3,009 to Mary Anderson, £20.8.2.....		100 00
	29.	" Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,346 to Rev. Artman, £51.5.8.....		250 00
	29.	" Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,347 to Rev. Schmidt, £51.5.8.....		250 00
June	6.	" Rev. Corman, one book.....		1 25
	20.	" MacKeller, Smith & Jordan, one electro		80
July	5.	" Drexel & Co., draft for Rev. Chr. Jansen, Bremen.....		90 93
	15.	" Mrs. Hilda Carlson, one-half salary of Rev. Carlson, from Oct. 1, '81, to Jan., '82.....		250 00
Aug.	1.	" Rev. Wischan, ten electros		23 00
	2.	" U. S. Eng. Works, 1 portrait plate..		12 30
	3.	" Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,388 to Rev. Artman, £102.17.7.....		500 00
	11.	" Rev. F. L. Dietrich, for outfit as Missionary to India..		100 00

Sept. 25.	By cash, Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,408 to Rev. Schmidt, £51.14.2	$	250 00	
25.	" Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,409 to Rev. Artman, £51.14.2		250 00	
25.	" Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,410 to Rev. Poulsen, £31.0.6		150 00	
30.	" Jno. C. File, Esq., as per order No. 269		10 00	
Oct. 2.	" Rev. F. Wischan, seven cuts for M. B		16 50	
2.	" MacKellar, Smith & Jordan, one electro		50	
2.	" Same, four cuts and tub, &c		3 00	
4.	" Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 3,710 to Miss Anderson, £20.9.5		100 00	
4.	" Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,416 to Rev. Artman, £103.16.10		500 00	
12.	" Rev. F. L. Dietrich, expense to India, acct. of salary		700 00	
23.	" Rev. B. M. Schumacker, pge., &c., fare for attendance at committee meeting		24 50	
Nov. 4.	" Messrs. Artman & Treichler, bill of Rev. Schmidt and Rev. Artman, $116.13 and $59.26		175 39	
4.	" Wm. Bracher, 1,000 maps of Teluga Mission		51 50	
4.	" Mrs. A. C. Vaux, on acct. of salary of Rev. Artman		25 00	
4.	" Rev. F. Wischan, pge. and railroad fare		10 00	
4.	" Rev. F. Walz, in full for bill for books, &c		2 65	
6.	" R. G. Wilder, subscrip. to Mission Review		4 50	
6.	" Credited to Missionsbote acct., for postage, exp., postal cards, &c		36 86	
6.	" Transferred to Missionsbote acct., for Rev. Wischen, Nov. 6, '82		52 00	
				$1,582 40
				$9,125 84

A thorough examination of this account having been made, we hereby certify that the same is correct in all its parts, amounts and balances.

Signed, JOHN C. FILE,
H. GRAHN,
F. WISCHAN,
Auditing Committee.

PHILADA., Nov. 6, 1882.

Missionsbote Account.

1881. DR.

Oct.	17.	To balance (see acct last Minutes).....	$	927 79
Nov.	2.	To cash, Rev. Wischan.....		58 73
	17.	" " from J. C. File, Esq.		85 00
	17.	" "		43 22
Dec.	6.	" "		41 96
	6.	" "		257 95
1882.				
Jan.	7.	" "		120 86
	16.	" "		213 80
	21.	" "		68 70
	28.	" "		135 04
Feb.	4.	" "		125 15
	11.	" "		54 99
	17.	" "		46 50
	17.	" "		22 75
	25.	" "		68 78
Mar.	4.	" "		112 40
	11.	" "		30 09
	18.	" "		41 24
Apr.	1.	" "		82 18
	15.	" "		91 10
	29.	" "		62 98
May	16.	" "		46 25
	17.	" C. Reichle, from St. Paul's Luth. Church, Rev. Wischan.....		45 00
June	17.	" Rev. Wischan.....		192 10
July	1.	" "		1 50
	22.	" "		88 60
Aug.	12.	" "		46 00
	12.	" Rev. W. Rath, subscriptions.		
		W. Brinker.....		25
		Geo. Brinker.....		25
		Rev. Wm. Rath		25
Oct.	2.	" Rev. Fischer.....		59 85
	6.	" Rev. Wischan.....		21 20
	23.	" Rev. Fischer.....		54 02
Nov.	4.	" "		8 15
	4.	" C. Reichle, from St. Paul's Luth. S. S., Rev. Wischan.....		18 00
	4.	" Charged to Foreign Mission acct., for postage, &c.....		36 86
	6.	" Transferred from Foreign Mission acct.—rec't from Rev. Wischan, 11–6–82.....		52 00
				$3,361 49

1881. CR.

Oct.	4.	By cash, Phila. & Reading R. R. expressage,	$	25
	4.	" Postage (P. O.), .04, .06, .10, .12, $3.62, $6.60		10 54
	27.	" Ph. & R. R., exp.		25
	27.	" Globe P. H., pge.		1 14
	27.	" Same, Missionsbote, Nov. No., 15,500		117 50
Nov.	1.	" Postage (P. O.), .02, .02, .02, $1.88, .02, $2.14, $2.88, $5.44		14 10
	5.	" Ph. & R. R. exp.		25
	16.	" Adams Exp.		25
	17.	" Globe P. H., Dec. No. 15,500		117 50
	28.	" Same, 500 title pages		4 00
	29.	" Same, page on Dec. No.		1 17
	30.	" Same, 400 postal cards and printing		5 00
Dec.	2.	" Postage, (P. O.), .20, .20, .04, .06, .74, $1.86, .10		13 10
	10.	" Globe P. H., 100 postal cards.		1 50
	12.	" Globe P. H., Jan. No. 15,500.		117 50
	22.	" Rev. Wischan, pge., &c.		2 35
	24.	" Globe P. H., Jan. No. 250c.		1 75
	24.	" Same, pge. on foreign copies, &c.		1 43
	31.	" Transferred to Mission acct.		600 00
1882.				
Jan.	2.	" Postage (P. O.), $9.76, $2.50, .06, .10, .08, .04, .10, .06, .08, .04		12 82
	11.	" Globe P. H., envelopes, &c.		6 79
	12.	" Same, Missionsbote, Feb. No.		117 50
	28.	" Same, pge. on foreign copies.		1 29
	31.	" Same, 200 postal cards, &c.		2 30
	31.	" Same, Feb. No. 500		3 50
Feb.	11.	" Postage		13 12
	9.	" Globe P. H., Missionsbote, March No. 16,000		121 00
	18.	" Ph. & R. R. exp.		25
	25.	" Globe P. H., postage, &c.		1 45
Mch.	1.	" Same, 300 postal cards, &c.		4 50
	1.	" March No. Missionsbote.		3 50
	13.	" Same, Missionsbote, Apr. No. 16,000		121 00
	22.	" Missionsbote, Apr. No. 500		3 50
	28.	" Postage, &c.		14 78
	28.	" Globe P. H., postage, &c.		1 36
Apr.	12.	" Same, Missionsbote, May No. 16,000		121 00
	19.	" Same, 200 postal cards.		2 35
	28.	" Postage		13 66
	28.	" Ph. & R. R. exp.		25

Apr. 29.	By cash,	Globe Printing House, pge	$ 1 20	
May 18.	"	Postage	13 26	
18.	"	Globe P. H., envelopes	3 60	
26.	"	Ph. & R. R., exp	25	
31.	"	Globe P. H., postage	1 24	
June 3.	"	Same, 300 more sheets	1 50	
May 8.	"	Same, Missionsbote, June	124 50	
June 12.	"	Same, Missionsbote, July, 16,500	124 50	
14.	"	Moss & Co., 1 doz. pamphlet cases	3 75	
17.	"	Rev. Wischan, postage	3 25	
28.	"	Postage	12 58	
28.	"	Globe P. H., postage	1 50	
July 10.	"	Same, August, 16,500	124 50	
18.	"	Rev. F. Wischan, postage	3 75	
29.	"	Postage	13 70	
29.	"	Globe P. H., 250 postal cards	3 50	
29.	"	Same, postage	1 47	
Aug. 5.	"	Liebling Bros., stationery	1 20	
7.	"	Postage	13 78	
12.	"	Globe P. H., Sept. No. 16,500	124 50	
29.	"	Same, postage	1 40	
Sept. 14.	"	Globe P. H., 200 postal cards	2 75	
19.	"	Same, Missionsbote, Oct. No. 16,500	124 50	
Oct. 4.	"	Postage	13 70	
6.	"	Globe P. H., envelopes	5 77	
6.	"	Same, 200 postal cards	3 00	
30.	"	Postage	1 25	
Nov. 6.	"	Difference in express bill of Nov. 10, 1881	60	
				$2,306 00
		Balance to credit *Missionsbote*		1,055 49
				$3,361 49

Having made a thorough examination of the Treasurer's account, we hereby certify to its correctness in all its parts, details, results and balances.

Signed,

JOHN C. FILE,
H. GRAHN,
F. WISCHAN,
Auditing Committee.

PHILADA., NOV. 6, 1882.

Foreign Missionary.

1882. DR.

Jan. 26.	To cash, Rev. W. Schaffer	$	142 00	
Mch. 20.	" " "		102 00	
May 17.	" " "		85 00	
Aug. 12.	" " "		27 80	
12.	" " "		84 45	
Oct. 2.	" Rev. Fischer		31 38	
Nov. 4.	" "		49 71	
	Overdrawn		105 00	
				$ 627 34

1881. CR.

Nov. 25.	By cash, Craig, Haley & Co., printing "Foreign Missionary," &c., and postage, Oct. No.	$	45 23	
Dec. 5.	" Same, Nov. No.		44 69	
1882.				
Jan. 26.	" " Dec. No.		46 47	
26.	" " Jan. No		45 10	
Mch. 25.	" " Feb. No.		48 80	
25.	" " March No.		50 43	
May 17.	" " April No.		53 29	
25.	" " May No.		51 17	
July 19.	" " June No.		48 65	
Aug. 17.	" " July No		50 67	
Sep. 19.	" " August No.		50 76	
Oct. 18.	" " Sept. No.		50 76	
	Overdrawn last year (see Minutes)		41 32	
				$ 627 34

A thorough examination of the Treasurer's account having been made, we hereby certify that the account is correct in every particular, and in its results and balances. Signed,

John C. File,
H. Grahn,
F. Wischan.

Philada., Nov. 6, 1882.

General Expense Fund, 1881–'82.

1881. DR.

Oct. 17.	To balance (see Minutes)	$	21 69	
1882.				
Jan. 3.	To cash, Rev. J. Fry, D. D., Treasurer, from Penn'a Synod		300 00	
	Overdrawn		2 36	
				$ 324 05

1881. CR.

Oct. 29.	By cash, Rev. C. L. Kohler, for sexton, Rochester, where Council met, (Note below)		$	10 00	
1882.					
Feb. 18.	"	Herborn & Ahlbrecht, printing German minutes, 1881		137 20	
Mch. 6.	"	Rev. E. Belfour, postage, &c		16 75	
Sep. 25.	"	Jos. Eichbaum & Co., printing English minutes, 1881		160 10	
					$ 324 05

The item of October 29, 1881, $10, is for amount sent by check to Rev. C. L. Kohler, Rochester, N. Y., for sexton of his church, for services. No receipt was received by the Treasurer.

Nov. 6, 1882.

The undersigned have examined the above account and found it correct, except that no credit has been given for $52 paid by the New York Ministerium in October, which may be added before publication.

W. A. Schmithenner,
W. Hauff,
Dr. A. Lange.

Lancaster, O., Nov. 13, 1882.

Miscellaneous Account.

Orphans' Home, Germantown.

1881–1882. DR.

To cash received from Rev. Wischan during the year	$	101 71	
			$ 101 71

CR.

By cash paid J. C. File, Esq., Treasurer	$	101 71	
			$ 101 71

Emigrant House, New York.

1881–1882. DR.

To balance	$	7 50	
To cash, Rev. Wischan, for year 1881–'82		27 52	
			$ 35 02

CR.

By cash, Rev. Wischan	$	35 02	
			$ 35 02

Mission in Jerusalem.

1881–1882. DR.

Oct. 8.	To balance		$	2 50	
	To cash, Rev. Wischan, for year 1881–'82			37 10	
					$ 39 60

1882. CR.

Jan. 26.	By cash, Rev. Wischan	$ 16 50		
Aug. 8.	" "	23 10		
			$	39 60

Mission in Herrmannsburg.

1881–1882. DR.

Oct. 17.	To balance	$ 25 75		
	To cash, Rev. Wischan, for year 1881–'82	50 50		
			$	76 25

1882. CR.

Jan. 26.	By cash, Rev. Wischan	$ 45 65		
June 26.	" "	20 00		
Aug. 18.	" "	10 60		
			$	76 25

Waisen Haus in Bethlehem.

1881–1882. DR.

Oct. 17.	To balance	$ 6 00		
	To cash, Rev. Wischan, for year 1881–'82	49 40		
			$	55 40

1882. CR.

Jan. 26.	By cash, Rev. Wischan	$ 24 85		
Aug. 8.	" "	30 55		
			$	55 40

Emigrant Mission.

1882.

Oct.	To cash for the above	$ 250 00		
			$	250 00

Home Mission.

1882. DR.

	To cash, Rev. Wischan	$ 5 00		
	" "	26 00		
			$	31 00

1882. CR.

Jan. 26.	By cash, Rev. J. Kuendig	$ 25 00		
Mch. 15.	" " "	6 00		
			$	31 00

Ward's Island.

1882. DR.

Jan. 16.	To cash, Rev. Wischan	$ 8 00		
			$	8 00

CR.

	By cash, Rev. Wischan	$ 8 00		
			$	8 00

Indian Mission.

1881.

Feb. 5.	To balance	$ 3 75		
Jan. 21.	To cash, Rev. Wischan	2 00		
			$	5 75

Gossner Mission.

1881.		DR.		
Dec. 6.	To cash, Rev. Wischan	$ 2 00		
1882.				
Mch. 18.	" "	50		
Oct. 2.	" Rev. Fischer	5 00		
			$	7 50
1882.		CR.		
Jan. 26.	By cash, Rev. Wischan	$ 2 50		
	Balance on hand	5 00		
			$	7 50

Jewish Mission.

1881.		DR.		
Oct. 17.	Balance	$ 50		
			$	50
1882.		CR.		
Jan. 26.	By cash, Rev. Wischan	$ 50		
			$	50

We, the undersigned, have carefully examined, in all its parts, details, amounts, results and balances, the various individual accounts of the Treasurer, except the General Expense Account, and certify to their correctness.

Signed, JNO. C. FILE,
H. GRAHN,
F. WISCHAN.

PHILADA., NOV. 6, 1882.

The following Committees were appointed:

On the Minutes of this Council for last year.—Revs. S. L. Harkey, D. D., W. F. Ulery, O. Meerwein, and Messrs. J. H. Evans and F. J. Klingensmith.

On Minutes of District Synods.—Revs. R. F. Weidner, J. C. J. Peterson, G. H. Gerberding, J. H. Hunton, S. Klingmann, S. P. A. Lindahl, J. Brezing, E. Huber, M. J. Stirewalt, S. Fritschel, D. D.

On Auditing the Treasurer's Report.—Messrs. W. A. Schmithenner, A. Lange, M. D., and W. Hauff.

The Reports of the Committees on Home Missions were read.

Report of the Executive Committee on Home Missions.

Whilst we gratefully and joyfully recognize the wonderful growth of our Lutheran Church in this country, a growth so large and rapid that the ratio of increase exceeds that of every other Protestant body for a long series of years, still, when we survey the whole field, as it lies before us and note the hosts of our people who are without ministers and the stated means of grace, we are

inclined even after the lapse of so many years, to repeat the declaration of one of the Muhlenbergs, that in this country the Lutheran Church is rather *ecclesia plantanda* than *ecclesia plantata*. We may well count it a blessing to have so great a harvest to gather, but it cannot otherwise than pain our hearts when we see that we have not reapers enough to bring it into the garner of the Lord. Our first and chief recourse in this emergency is to appeal to God for help and to entreat "Him that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." And then we may rise from our knees and believingly lay hold of the work assigned us.

We herewith present a statement of the home missionary operations of the Council through this Committee and through the Synods.

1. Trinity English Mission, Chicago, Ill.

The Missionary, Rev. C. Koerner, has continued in the active and faithful discharge of his duties during the past year and has performed more than the usual amount of work, owing to the fact that he supplied the vacancy in the Wicker Park Mission for nearly six months, and also commenced a specially laborious task in his own field. Sudden and great changes, such as are common in all large cities, led to the removal to another part of the city of the majority of the people on whom the mission depended for its growth. It therefore became necessary to follow our people, and the church property was accordingly sold last February. The proceeds of the sale enabled our people to pay their mortgage of $6,000 and purchase a very desirable lot on the corner of La Salle and Elm streets. The floating debt of $1,300 has been cancelled by money collected in the congregation. On the first day of October the corner-stone of the new church was laid in the presence of a large concourse of people, and the work of building is now progressing rapidly. Since the sale of the old church property services have been held in the basement of the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church. The attendance at the service and Sunday School has been very good. At Easter thirty-three young persons were confirmed and a number admitted by certificate. The great task now claiming the attention of the Missionary and his people is the building of the new church. A considerable sum has already been collected, but much more will be needed, and, to obtain this, Br. Koerner will appeal to our older churches. It is confidently believed that with a finished church and only a moderate debt, no more appeals for outside help will have to be made, and

that the Mission will soon be transferred to the list of self-supporting pastorates. Many circumstances indicate that the crisis in the long and most arduous struggle will have been passed on the completion of the new church.

2. The Wicker Park Mission, Chicago, Ill.

Last December this Mission became vacant by the resignation of Rev. W. A. Schæffer. He had served it with zeal and devotion for more than a year, but peculiar circumstances led him to believe that it was his duty to terminate his connection with it; and, whilst the Committee deeply regretted this, we could not otherwise than acquiesce in Br. Schæffer's decision. The Mission was served, as we have stated, until last June by Rev. C. Kœrner, of Trinity church. Very great difficulty was experienced in securing a suitable man who could see his way clear to take charge of the Mission. But our anxiety was happily relieved when Rev. F. C. C. Kæhler, of Phœnixville, Pa., accepted the joint call of your Committee and of the congregation to the vacant position. He took charge of the Mission June 17, 1882, and we are happy in being able to say that he feels encouraged in his work, and that the testimony comes from different sources that he has gained the confidence of the people and is successful in his ministry. There is scarcely any limit to the available materials for the growth of the congregation, and we are persuaded that by the blessing of God the happiest results will crown the efforts of the Missionary and the contributions of the churches. The Sunday School, which numbers between 200 and 300 scholars, gives promise of a bright future for itself and for the congregation. The interest on the debt has been promptly paid and the principal somewhat reduced.

3. The Denver Mission.

It was stated in our report of last year that an arrangement had been made with Rev. J. Telleen, pastor of the Swedish Church in Denver, according to which he was to hold English services in his church as the time and circumstances might permit, and thus pave the way for the establishment of a separate mission as soon as the needed man and means could be secured. It is scarcely necessary to say that Br. Telleen has done what he could; but his other duties left him very little time for this extra work, especially during the past year, as he performed missionary work in Utah and California. He states himself that on this account he has not been able

to reach any considerable number of our people outside of his own congregation; but he adds that the field is ripe for the harvest and that it is urgently necessary that an English Missionary should be stationed in that important centre of population, where we have so many interests loudly calling for our attention and earnest labors. It is the imperative duty of this Council to arrange for the supply of that field.

4. The Minneapolis Mission.

Minneapolis is another of the large cities of the West, in which we have a great work to do, and where the circumstances are favorable, in an extraordinary degree, to the successful prosecution of that work. The field has been open to us for a long time, and nearly two years ago the Sunday School of St. John's English Lutheran Church in Philadelphia, offered to appropriate $500 annually towards the support of a Missionary in that city. Almost incredible difficulties were encountered by the Committee in finding a suitable man, securing his services and arranging for his entrance on the enterprise. But we are truly happy in being able now to announce that Rev. G. H. Trabert, of Lebanon, Pa., has accepted our call to the Minneapolis Mission, and expects to begin his work at the opening of the new year. The money already pledged for his support will have to be supplemented by additional contributions. One circumstance promises well for the future of the Mission, namely, that a church edifice awaits the Missionary and those who may gather around him. This building, which is of ample proportions, and the lot of 132x165 feet, on which it stands, were purchased, as stated in our last report, by the Chairman of our Committee on his own responsibility, for the sum of $9,000. We need hardly say that this money was borrowed and draws interest. But shall the Mission from the beginning, and for a series of years, be compelled to bear this burden? Will not lovers of the Church, warm-hearted disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, come forward and give this amount as a free-will offering to the Lord, and so assure the speedy establishment of a self-supporting Church which in its turn may aid others? We seriously press this question on the consciences of our people. And we will add, that we feel assured that the occupation of Minneapolis will speedily be followed by the founding of Missions in St. Paul, Red Wing and other cities and towns. These Missions will be in vital union with the Augustana Synod, and will have its hearty sympathy and cooperation.

5. A Mission in San Francisco.

Whilst we are not able to report any forward step looking to the beginning of this Mission so long contemplated, we cannot refrain from repeating the demands of the case. Urgent requests have again and again been addressed to us for the appointment of a Missionary for that city, and the recent visit of Rev. J. Telleen in San Francisco in the interest of the resident Swedes, still further demonstrates the necessity of the Mission. The two essentials here, as elsewhere, are a properly qualified minister and the money needed for the long journey and for his support. If we once gain a foothold in San Francisco, other places can be reached from it. Neither the remoteness of the place, nor the peculiar difficulties of the case, should deter our people in the East from undertaking the task of planting churches on the Pacific slope.

We now proceed to present a condensed statement of the Missionary operations of the District Synods.

The Pennsylvania Synod.

During the past year this Synod aided twenty-five Missions, being an increase of four over last year. This does not include Missions supported by individual congregations. One of the twenty-five became self-supporting during the year. Fifteen were under the direct care of the Executive Committee of Synod embracing 2,150 members, and aided to the amount of $2,243.75. The following are the Missions: Shenandoah Valley, Rev. J. Gruhler; Pittston, Pa., Rev. G. A. Struntz; Germania, Pa., Rev. J. H. Voss; Chester, Pa., Rev. E. H. Gerhart; Phillipsburgh, N. J., Rev. T. Steck; Phoenixville, Pa., Rev. E. H. Gerhart; Trinity Church, Catasauqua, P., Rev. M. H. Richards; Eckley, Pa., Rev. J. H. Schmidt; Wilkesbarre, Pa., Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer; Lykens, Pa., Rev. M. B. Lenker; Sand Cut, Pa., Rev. A. W. Walter; New Jersey Mission Field, Rev. G. F. Miller; Middleburg, Pa., Rev. D. E. Reed; St. Peter's Church, Scranton, Pa., Rev. Zizelman; English Mission, Scranton, Rev. M. L. Zweizig. The remaining ten Missions are in or near Philadelphia and are under the care of the Board of City Missions. They have 1,041 members, and are supported at an expense of $2,900. They are the following: St. Stephen's, Rev. J. K. Plitt; Christ Church, Chestnut Hill, Rev. C. J. Hirzel; St. Peter's, Rev. E. R. Cassaday; Church of the Advent, Rev. J. F. C. Fluck; Church of the Epiphany, Camden, N. J., vacant; St. Peter's, W. Philadelphia, Rev. C. F. Welden; Im-

manuel Church, Frankford, Rev. M. Schimpf; St. Thomas, Rev. C. G. Fisher; Trinity Church, Rising Sun, Rev. A. Linsz. The Executive Committee, the Board of City Missions, and the President in their respective reports to Synod, represent the Missions as progressing very favorably in both their spiritual and material interests.

The Synod paid $900 to the Executive Committee of this Council for the Chicago Missions, and expended $556 in Missionary work in Nebraska. The services of Rev. J. D. Roth, of the Pittsburgh Synod, were secured, and $300 appropriated towards his support. He resides in Sydney, but will extend his labors beyond that city. The sum of $300 per annum promised to the Texas Synod for the support of a Traveling Missionary has been given to the German Committee of this Council for the aid of the same general work in Texas.

The New York Ministerium.

This body assisted eight Missions during the past year at an outlay of $408.47. They are located as follows: Wards Island, N. Y., Rev. L. H. Gerndt; West Webster, N. Y., Rev. C. R. Gernt; New Brunswick, N. J., Rev. A. Dervald; Ellenville, N. Y., Rev. B. Kuhn; Narrowsburg, N. Y., Rev. J. M. Steiner; Weehawken, N. J., Rev. H. Schoppe; Newburg, N. Y., Rev. F. E. Fickeissen; Portchester, N. Y., Rev. J. U. Hoffman; and Lyons, N. Y., Rev. L. H. Geschwind. The report in the Minutes of the Ministerium says, that there are no special victories to be recorded, and that the work of the Lord goes quietly forward. The territory embraced within the bounds of this body is very large, and invites missionary activity in quarters not now occupied.

The Pittsburgh Synod.

This Synod has eighteen Missions under its care which are located as follows: Monongahela and Pan Handle Mission, Rev. S. Munch; Allegheny Valley Mission, Missionary President; Butler Mission, Rev. J. Q. Waters; Ridgway Mission, Rev. J. Sander; Corry Mission, Rev. Prof. H. Gilbert; East Liverpool Mission, Rev. G. Schultz; West Virginia Mission, supplies; Washington Mission, supplies; Franklin Mission, Rev. F. W. Kohler; East Liberty, Rev. J. S. Lawson; Rochester, Rev. C. H. Hemsath; Parker Mission, vacant; Renova, Rev. C. S. Seaman; Kittanning, Rev. M. Schmeigert; Du Bois Mission, Rev. ———; Mission at

large in Novia Scotia, Rev. C. E. Cossman, D. D.; Alliance, Ohio, Rev. G. L. Rankin; Cleveland, Onio, Rev. A. H. Bartholomew. The Missions at Renova, Alliance and Cleveland were taken for support during the past year and receive in the order in which they are named, $200, $300 and $500 per annum. The total number of communicants in these Missions is about 1,400, and the appropriations for their support amounts to $2,750. With scarcely an exception the Missions are reported as prosperous and hopeful. The territory of this Synod is constantly enlarging and new fields are inviting missionary work. Some of them will soon be occupied, whilst others must still for a time call in vain. Here again the cry is for more men, fitted for the work and devoted to the Lord. The sum of $454.31 has been paid to the Executive Committee of this Council for the Chicago Mission.

The District Synod of Ohio.

As the printed Minutes of this Synod have not yet appeared, we draw our information of its missionary operations from a brief written statement which was kindly furnished us. At the recent convention of the Synod two new Missions were taken under its care, making the whole number eight, all in Ohio, as follows: Ada, Rev. F. P. Cook; Columbus, Rev. S. W. Kuhns; Middle Point, Rev. C. Witmer; London, Rev. W. H. Brown; Paulding, Rev. J. M. Long; Pawnee, Rev. W. H. Swaney; Toledo, Rev. J. F. Fahs, called; Defiance, Rev. J. Snyder. For the support of these Missions the sum of $1,500 was appropriated. The Missionary President states that whilst he cannot report any remakable results during the year, the facts in the case justify him in saying that there is a steady and healthy growth in all the Missions, and that, notwithstanding very painful trials and afflictions.

The Michigan Synod.

The missionary labors in this Synod are worthy of note as bearing a praiseworthy proportion to the available men and means. During the first half of the year there were several vacancies in the Missions, and there was no Traveling Missionary in the field until the month of August. But since June helpers were obtained in the persons of Rev. J. G. Bleibtreu, of Brecklum, Germany, Revs. H. Abelmann and F. Menke, of Hermannsburg, Germany. The first named resides in Reed City and has charge of the congregation located there and extends his labors to a settlement thirty

miles distant. Already the congregation pays the Pastor's salary, but the Synod has decided to continue its appropriation and let the amount be applied in the erection of the contemplated new church and parsonage. Rev. Schoemperlen has taken charge of the Greenwood Mission, whilst Rev. Abelmann serves the three congregations formerly under his care. Rev. F. Huber is the Missionary in Saginaw City and in Clare, Clare county, and Rev. Menke is Traveling Missionary, receiving the limited salary of $500 including traveling expenses, provided they do not exceed $100. He resides in Winsor and his field of operations extends over Huron, Bay, Ogeman, Roscomma and Osceola counties. He learned, during a recent tour, that whilst ministers of the Missouri Synod and of the Joint Synod of Ohio are found in the upper part of the peninsula, no Lutheran Missionary is stationed in the southern part. In the latter territory Rev. Menke has preached at a number of points. Rev. G. Weining, who was sent by the German Committee of the Council, has become the assistant of Rev. Klingman, and the former assistant, Rev. Asa, has taken charge of the Mission at Tumas City. The Synod paid the traveling expenses of the three young men who came over from Germany, and also those of Rev. Weining from New York to Michigan, amounting in all to $247.10. Another young man is daily expected from Germany. The earnest labors of the brethren of the Michigan Synod will certainly bear good fruit to the honor of God.

The Augustana Synod.

The major part of the missionary work in this Synod is entrusted to the Conferences, whilst certain general work is done by a Central Committee of the Synod. The Illinois Conference extends its work over Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. Rev. Maxell operates in Wisconsin; P. Lofgren, Catechist, in Northern Michigan, under the direction of resident Pastors; C. J. Johnson, Catechist, in Western Michigan, under like supervision; and until recently, Rev. S. J. Osterberg acted as Traveling Missionary. The missionary work in the suburbs of Chicago has been considerably curtailed, as a number of the congregations have become self-sustaining. But the demand for missionary labor among the immigrants have become very urgent, and in this sphere it is felt that not only missionaries and churches but Christian boarding houses and a hospital are needed. Mr. Landfors has been assigned to this field. The contributions for Home Missions amount to $2,376.28. The

Minnesota Conference has, as its Mission field, Southwestern Minnesota, Southern Dakota, Northwestern and Northern Minnesota, Northern Wisconsin, and the Red River Valley. The immigration of Swedes to this territory is very large. It is, of course, impossible for the Pastors residing in this vast district to supply the needed services; but, anxious to do all that lies in their power, each Pastor in the Conference devotes one month in the year to missionary work. The services of two students have been secured for Southern Dakota, but all efforts to obtain additional laborers have failed. A Missionary for the immigrants has been appointed for St. Paul and Minneapolis, which are great centres of population and gathering places of the incoming Swedes. The contributions reported for Missions amount to $1,757.46. The Iowa Conference numbers eighteen Pastors, the most of whom have two or more congregations under their care, and yet there are many vacant charges. Hence the Conference employs two Traveling Missionaries, Revs. S. J. Liljegren and J. H. Randall. The contributions amount to $583.87.

The Kansas Conference suffers greatly from an inadequate supply of ministers. In one county all its churches are vacant, and there are other counties, in which there are many Swedes but no Pastors. Repeated efforts were made to secure a Traveling Missionary, but in vain. Catechist, O. Hedlund, has rendered good service in Kearney and Phelps counties, Nebraska. Rev. Sanden has finally accepted a call to act as Traveling Missionary for one year. The collections for Missions amount to $1,050.

The New York Conference has a peculiarly difficult work to perform. Its people are widely scattered, poor and unsettled, many longing to go to the West. But the missionary operations have, notwithstanding these difficulties, been extended during the year. Student Esbjorn has been called to Worcester, Mass., where he has organized a congregation, and student Sandstrom has collected money for the erection of a church in that place. Students Norlin and Rast have labored in Lowell, Mass. Student Kinell preached for some time in Connecticut, until Conference sent him to Providence, R. I. Rev. Petri and student Englund have visited Wilkesbarre and Sugar Notch, Pa. Some work has also been done in Wilmington, Del. Student Larson has operated in Western New York and Pennsylvania and Northeastern Ohio. Students Skantz, Stark, Nelsenius, Rinell, Nilson and Brolin have also done missionary work, and most of the Pastors have spent some time outside their own congregations. The contributions amount to $895.71.

The Central Mission Committee of Synod has extended its work to Salt Lake City, Utah; San Francisco, Cal.; Portland, Oregon; Cordelia, Idaho; Bethsaida, Washington Territory; Golden and Pueblo, Col.; and to the seamen in Philadelphia, and to the immigrants arriving in Chicago, St. Paul Minneapolis. Efforts will also be made to provide for the numerous Finns who have come to this country. Hitherto they have been cared for by Rev. A. E. Backman, the only Finnish minister in our country and by Mr. Hoikka, a student at Augustana College.

In view of the great scarcity of ministers it is gratifying to know that the Synod has entered into an arrangement with two schools of high character in Sweden, by which the latter will give special instruction to young men who are willing to enter the service of the Church in this country. When sufficiently advanced these students will be sent to Augustana Seminary. The arrangement already has born good fruit.

The Canada Synod.

The Mission field in this Synod is divided into three districts. The first comprises the Ottowa Mission of seven congregations, all served by one minister, Rev. J. Bronnenkant, and the Thome Mission of four congregations, served by Rev. E. Genzmer. The second district is known as the Muskoka Mission. It was vacant for a considerable time, notwithstanding the earnest efforts put forth to obtain a suitable man. But quite recently the vacancy was filled by the appointment of Rev. H. M. Ongerth, from Germany. The third district is the Hallet. The congregations comprising this Mission, in the absence of a permanent Missionary, have received monthly visits and services from Revs. Manzinger, Stein and Heinzelman. We are not surprised, that, after stating these facts, the Missionary President laments the great scarcity of ministers. The Synod looks hopefully to the German Committee of this Council for help.

The Indiana Synod.

We cannot read the report of the Missionary President without experiencing painful emotions. He speaks with sorrow almost bordering on despair of the great want of ministers to do the work of the Synod, and earnestly appeals to this Council to open the long contemplated Theological Seminary in Chicago. We take the following statements from the report:

With the consent of the officers of Synod, the Newbury charge was served by student J. F. Booher from July 17th until Christmas, resulting in the addition of eight members to the congregation. He also labored with success in Bloomfield, the capital of Greene County, Indiana, and laid the foundation for a promising Mission in that place.

Soon after the departure of student Booher to resume his Theological studies, Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield became the regular Pastor of the congregations in Newberry and Bloomfield. He reports the charge in a flourishing condition. During the year he also visited our vacant Missions at Gosport and Corrydon, Indiana.

At the former place he held three services—at the latter fourteen, adding one to the Church by confirmation and baptizing seven infants. Corrydon has a flourishing Sunday School, and the congregation is careful to maintain the full complement of church officers required by its constitution; an example worthy of imitation by all our vacant charges. They have also made necessary endeavors to secure a suitable Pastor, but have thus far not succeeded.

St. John's Church, Henry county, Indiana, was supplied with monthly services by Rev. J. Wesner, until his removal from the bounds of Synod, December 1, 1881. Rev. M. J. Stirewalt has devoted some time to this Mission since he assumed charge of the Germantown pastorate.

The Mission at Nashville, Knox county, Indiana, has been served at intervals by Rev. Henry Fairchild. A letter from Spring Valley, McPherson county, Kansas, begs Synod to consider the case of the Mission at that point. With so large a field unsupplied, at home, this appeal from a distant State serves to intensify our regret that the laborers are so few. We commend this Mission to the prayers, sympathies and favorable consideration of Synod.

Corrydon, Gosport, New Columbus and St. John's Rush county, are at present without a regular supply.

Synod is respectfully requested to make the following appropriations, to wit: Two hundred dollars for Newberry, payable quarterly, on condition that the present Pastor supply the Corrydon charge with preaching regularly once a month.

In a communication received from M. L. Deck, of Cerro Gerda, Illinois, the brother generously proposed to pay the sum of two hundred dollars into the Treasury of Synod, to be expended by the Home Mission Committee, according to their discretion. This sum has been duly received and the thanks of Synod tendered to the kind donor. This young Synod needs and deserves all the sympathy and co-operation which this Council can extend to it.

We regret that we cannot present any statement of the condition and operations of the Home Mission activities of the Holston and Texas Synods during the past year. But, although, timely efforts were made by letters to obtain the needed information, we did not receive it.

From the foregoing statements and from the fuller reports of

the Synods which have come under our notice, we are profoundly impressed with the vastness of the work which God has given us to do; the inadequacy of the men and means at present at our command for the accomplishment of the work, and the imperfection and failure of the present arrangements under which we, as a Committee, are charged with the most solemn duties without being placed in a position by this Council to be able to perform them. No one is satisfied with the present order of things. And, without assuming to instruct the Council as to any future plan of operations, we respectfully recommend a radical change. And, whilst we are ready, as ministers and laymen, to devote our best energies to the great work of building up the Church in the waste places, and are resolved to contribute our help to that end as long as we live, we feel that we owe it to the Church and to ourselves to say, that we cannot consent any longer to act as your Committee under the present system of operations. Let it be the prayer of every heart, that the Lord will lead us by better ways to greater results.

Respectfully submitted.

W. A. Passavant,	T. H. Lane,
Edmund Belfour,	A. Lange,
S. L. Harkey,	W. W. Wattles,
W. F. Ulery,	James Sheafer,
J. K. Melhorn,	H. Balken.

Report of German Home Mission Committee.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name." With these words of the royal Psalmist your committee desires to begin its report, for "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Immediately after the last convention of the Council, whilst still at Rochester, N. Y., your "Committee on German Home Missions" organized for labor.

I. The Work.

The work committed to our hands was recognized as very great indeed, demanding prompt and energetic action. It naturally divided itself into two parts. *First of all* relief was demanded for the want existing within the bounds of Synods connected with the General Council; and, *secondly*, the pioneer work in the Great West had to be undertaken without unnecessary delay.

II. Ways and Means.

In order to secure the much needed laborers your Committee issued an "Appeal to our Brethren in the Faith in the Dear Old Fatherland." This appeal was widely circulated in Germany. The special gratitude of the Church in America is due to the Brethren Inspector Groening, of Brecklum in Holstein, and to Pastor Voelter, of Grossingersheim, Wuerttemberg, through whose efforts our appeal was admitted into the columns of nearly every Church paper in Germany.

Your committee's special aim was to secure men already fully educated in Germany, who upon their arrival here could at once enter the holy ministry and our field of labor.

It was also necessary to arouse our congregations to an active interest in the work and to secure the money for so great an undertaking. No plan was better adapted for this than that of issuing a cheap illustrated paper, to do which the General Council had granted its permission; and in the month of January, 1882, the first number of "*Siloah*, a monthly devoted to the Home Missions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America," appeared.

III. The Result.

It might appear premature to speak of results at the close of one brief year. But to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are permitted with joyful hearts to declare that our labor has not been in vain in the Lord. It is His work, and He has been pleased to prosper it to such an extent that it is marvellous in our eyes.

(*a*). *In Germany.*

A universal interest in the Germans of this country, on the part of those in Europe, was awakened by our appeal, not only among our own Evangelical Lutheran brethren, but also among those of other religious confessions calling themselves "Evangelical." It is surprising to notice what a commotion has been produced in every nook and corner of the dear land of our Fathers, and how ready and willing all are to render assistance. At Kropp, in Schleswig, an institution was at once opened for the scientific and theological training of young men willing to labor in the Lutheran Church in America. Over a hundred anxious to devote themselves to the cause, applied for admission to this one institution alone. Of these but fourteen could be received.

Mission institutions already in existence announced their willingness to furnish us with men, and the Pastors *Harms* of Hermannsburg and *Jensen* of Brecklum have been able to do so. The latter as well as the Rev. Pastor *Paulsen*, of Kropp, cheerfully paid a visit to this country for the purpose of becoming acquainted with our wants and necessities in order that they might be able the more effectually to furnish relief. The Rev. Mr. Voelter, whose heart beats in warm sympathy with his brethren in America, has also rendered us help and assistance.

(*b*). *In America.*

In reviewing the field at home your committee respectfully reports the following results:

1. *Canada.*—We were able to furnish the *Canada Synod* with the *Rev. Mr. Ongerth.* Our appeal reached him in the eastern portion of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, in Transylvania. He at once came to us, with the best of testimonials, and now serves four congregations in the Muskoka District.

2. *The Michigan Synod* was in special need, and your committee has been able to supply that field with five laborers, the Pastors Abelmann, Bleibtreu, Menke, Merz and Candidate Wening.

Pastor *Abelmann* has assumed the care of three churches at Ypsilanti, Northfield and Plymouth, in Washtenaw and Wayne counties.

Pastor *Bleibtreu* is stationed at Reed City, Osceola county, in the central portion of the State. This is a town of 1,600 inhabitants, in which the people hope soon to erect a church and parsonage. The nearest Lutheran house of worship is an old log church four miles away. In traveling as a missionary, he found a congregation which for twelve years has lived without the preached Word and the Holy Sacraments. An aged mother said to him: "O, how glad I am that the Lord has as last sent us a Pastor. I have prayed for one a long time. It is sad to be obliged to live along Sunday after Sunday without a sermon, whilst the children grow up in the woods as veritable heathen."

This missionary also teaches a week-day school, and the Lord's blessing evidently rests upon his labors.

Pastor Menke has become the regular Traveling Missionary of the Synod. He has penetrated beyond the Straits of Mackinaw (between Lakes Michigan and Huron), and has discovered German settlements heretofore unknown to our Church.

Pastor Frederick Merz is stationed at South Haven and serves three congregations.

Candidate Wening has become the assistant of Pastor Klingman at Ann Arbor.

This Synod needs and earnestly petitions us for a larger number of faithful laborers.

3. *Texas.*—This field was transferred to us by the Executive Committee of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and with special satisfaction do we report our success in making provision for its wants. Here was required a man well acquainted with the peculiarities of the field, to whom as Superintendent of the Missions, the work could be entrusted. After due deliberation, a unanimous call to this important position was extended to the worthy President of the Texas Synod, the Rev. H. Merz. After mature reflection and consultation, Pastor Merz has signified his acceptance of the call, and in the name of the Lord enters upon the work.

The Rev. Mr. Wasser has also been sent to the Lone Star State and serves a charge in connection with the Synod.

4. In the State of *New York*, Candidate Reissig has become the assistant of Pastor Kuss at Holland, Erie county.

Thus we now have *nine* laborers in the field where a year ago there were none.

5. A number of young men from Germany, who there received a preparatory training, some of them at Universities, were also sent us, in the expectation that their education could be completed in this country. Thus we now have sixteen noble young men who are industriously pursuing their studies, and whom we will eventually be able to place in our great Western field.

6. Our monthly Mission sheet *Siloah* received so hearty a welcome from our churches that it now, at the end of ten months, has reached a circulation of 7,200 copies. Up to November 3d, 1882, its receipts amounted to $805.35; the expenses were $499.99; leaving a surplus in the Treasury of $305.36. We may, therefore, reasonably expect a nice sum annually to flow into our Mission Treasury as the net profit of this our little messenger of peace.

7. Our congregations have demonstrated that they are not insensible to the spiritual need of their brethren in the faith. The poor have contributed their mites and those in better circumstances have sent larger sums to the Treasurer of your Committee. The latter received a sum total of.....$2,928.52
His expenditures amount to 2,802.50

aving a balance in the Treasury of 126.02

But as there are a few bills payable the balance will be somewhat reduced.

For what of success is ours we render most hearty thanks to the faithful Lord and Bishop of the Church who has hitherto helped us.

In the joyful confidence that He will further aid and sustain His cause, let us, dear brethren, not grow weary in the work, but let us prove ourselves worthy of the blessing which He has vouchsafed unto us.

Respectfully submitted.

THE COMMITTEE.

Resolved, That the Swedish Committee be excused from making a separate report and that they may furnish for incorporation into the Report of the Executive Committee any items which were not presented in it.

Resolved, That the action of the German Committee, during the past year, in obtaining ministerial accessions from Germany for service in our Church in this country be approved.

Pending the discussion, the Council adjourned, with prayer by Rev. Dr. S. L. Harkey.

FOURTH SESSION.

Nov. 11th, 9 A. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. F. J. F. Schantz. The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

The discussion of the Mutual Relation of Synod and Congregations was resumed, and continued until the close of the session.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. J. Brezing.

FIFTH SESSION.

Nov. 11th, 1:30 P. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. A. Richter.

A letter from Rev. W. K. Frick, in regard to missionary work among the Mormons, was read and referred to the Committee on the President's Report.

An appeal of Rev. C. A. Fritze, from an action of the Pittsburgh Synod, was referred to the same Committee.

The consideration of the Report of the German Home Mission Committee was resumed.

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed, to whom shall be referred the Report of the German Committee, and certain inquiries for information, with instructions to confer with those members of the German Committee who are present, and to report to the Council.

The following were appointed as such Committee: Revs. H. Gilbert, S. Klingman and J. Brezing, and Messrs. W. Hauff and W. A. Schmithenner.

The report of the Treasurer of the German Committee was read.

Treasurer's Report

OF THE GERMAN HOME MISSION COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

INCOME.

From the Treasurer of the Synod of Penn'a, for support of a Traveling Missionary for Texas	$ 300 00	
From the same, for the Mission in general	150 00	
From the Michigan Synod	280 00	
From different German Mission friends in Canada, New York and Texas	2,198 92	
		$2,928 92

(All these donations are already acknowledged in "Siloah.")

EXPENSES.

Salary of the Traveling Missionary in Texas	$ 400 00
Traveling expenses for the Pastors, Jensen and Poulsen, Schleswig-Holstein	175 00
To Pastor Volter, Wurtemberg	148 95
Boarding for some Missionaries at the Emigrant House, New York	25 99
Traveling expenses for Missionaries to Michigan	280 00
Traveling expenses over the ocean and to different places in this country for Missionaries	314 06
Books for the Theological Students	79 89
For the necessary equipments of two Students and one Missionary	39 55
For printing	65 31
For postal cards, paper and two wood cuts for "Siloah," circulars, etc	24 25

For order and day book	$ 5 75	
For transportation of trunks, washing, and room rent in the Seminary	20 25	
For boarding, room rents and instruction for the students under our care	1,222 50	
		$2,802 50
Balance in the Treasury		$ 126 42

J. J. KUENDIG.

The report of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee on Home Missions.

Treasurer's Account.

THOMAS H. LANE, *Treasurer, in account with*
Home Mission Fund of the General Council.

1881. DR.

Oct.	31.	To cash received—Proceeds of collection taken in Rochester, N. Y., per Rev. E. Belfour	$ 15 25	
1882.				
Jan.	4.	To cash received—Ministerium of Penn'a, &c.	450 00	
July	5.	" " " "	450 00	
Oct.	4.	" " Pittsburgh Synod	376 24	
			$1,291 49	
Oct.	8.	To balance—Amount of note due Thiel College, for funds borbowed $ 1,671 50		
		Less cash on hand 10 19		
			1,661 31	
				$2,952 80

1881. CR.

Dec.	6.	By cash paid Rev. W. A. Schaeffer, his salary to Dec 17	$ 83 33	
1882.				
Jan.	17.	By cash paid Rev. C. Koerner, his salary to Jan. 1	300 00	
Mch.	4.	By cash paid Rev. E. Belfour, traveling expenses to Chicago	20 00	
May	20.	By cash paid Rev. C. Koerner, salary to Apr. 1	300 00	
	20.	By cash paid Rev. G. H. Trabert, traveling expenses to Minneapolis	52 87	
July	6.	By cash paid Rev. W. A. Passavant, traveling expenses to attend meeting of Augustana Synod	25 00	
	18.	By cash paid Rev. F. C. C. Kaehler, prepaid his salary for first quarter	125 00	
Aug.	31.	By cash paid Rev. J. Telleen, per Rev. W. A. Passavant, for same due him	50 00	

Oct.	4.	By cash paid Rev. C. Koerner, for salary to July 1	$ 300 00	
Nov.	7.	By cash paid W. W. Wattles, Treasurer Theil College, interest on note	100 29	
	8.	By cash paid Rev. F. C. C. Kaehler, on account	83 34	
			$1,139 83	
		Balance, as shown upon last account	1,512 97	
				$2,952 80

Upon examination of the above account, and the vouchers, we find the same to be correct.

JAMES SHEAFER,
HENRY BALKEN.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 8, 1882.

The report of the Executive on Home Missions was taken up for consideration.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to report, on Monday forenoon, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee on Home Missions, that a radical change be made in the mode of carrying on the Home Missionary work.

Resolved, That the Committee shall consist of one member from each Synod.

The President appointed the following as such Committee: Revs. Dr. J. A. Seiss, P. E. Sward, A. Richter, Dr. W. A. Passavant, Dr. S. L. Harkey, S. Klingman, J. Brezing, E. Huber, M. J. Stirewalt and Dr. S. Fritschel.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. G. H. Trabert.

SIXTH SESSION.

NOVEMBER 13th, 9 A. M.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Dr. S. L. Harkey. The roll was called and the Minutes were read and approved. The Committee on the change of our plan of Home Missionary operations presented its report, which was received and taken up by items. After a brief discussion, which gave evidence of remarkable unanimity of sentiment and approval, the report was slightly amended and adopted as follows:

Regulations for Home Mission Work.

The Committee of one from each Synod, appointed to devise and recommend a plan for conducting Home Missions, report as follows:

I. We recommend the appointment of three Committees on Home Missions, one for the English, one for the German and one for the Swedish languages, each equally responsible to the General Council and having co-ordinate powers.

II. That all previous action upon the subject of Home Missions be made to conform to this arrangement.

III. That it be the duty of these several Committees to devise ways and means whereby to obtain the necessary funds to carry on the work of Missions, as well as to appropriate them and supervise the Missions.

IV. That it be recommended to the Synods and churches to afford every possible facility to these different Committees for the procurement of funds and the vigorous prosecution of the work.

V. That where a Mission congregation is organized out of materials from existing churches in connection with the General Council, said Mission congregation, together with its Pastor, shall belong to the Synod to which the mother church belongs.

VI. That the Augustana Synod's Central Committee on Missions be the Swedish Committee of the General Council; and that the English and German Committees consist each of twelve persons, six clergymen and six laymen, ten of these to be elected by ballot at each regular convention of the General Council, and the two additional members in both instances to be chosen by those elected by the Council.

VII. That the indebtedness reported by "the Executive Committee on Home Missions" be referred to the English Committee.

Respectfully submitted.

Jos. A. Seiss,	S. L. Harkey,
A. Richter,	Sigm. Fritschel,
E. Huber,	W. A. Passavant,
J. Brezing,	S. Klingman.
P. J. Sward,	

This Report was received and adopted; and the Committee was further instructed to put in due form the "By-Laws" &c., as affected and changed by the adoption of these provisions.

The Committee subsequently reported, (1) that by this action "the Executive Committee on Home Missions" ceases to exist; (2) that the territorial apportionments to particular Synods made at Greensburg, 1880, are annulled and pass out of further consideration; (3) that article 3, and the latter half of article 7, of the "By-Laws" made at Pittsburgh, 1868, are superseded and fall away; (4) that the Charter of the General Council requires a change in article 6 respecting titles to property; and (5) that sundry modifications of other articles are involved in the present action, so that in connection with and conformity to the provisions adopted as above, and the Charter of this body, the series of Laws and Regulations on the subject, as now in force, stands as follows:

1. The Mission work of the General Council in this country shall be under the management of three several committees, separate but co-ordinate, one for the work in the English language, one for the work in the German language, and one for the work in the Swedish language.

2. The object of these several committees shall be to plant and sustain churches through the preaching of the Divine Word and the administration of the sacraments according to the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as set forth in the doctrinal basis of the General Council, and also to aid the Synods of the Council in carrying on the same work within their bounds. But neither of these committees shall establish or have control of missions within the territory of a Synod in regular connection with the General Council, except in co-operation with and by the consent of the authorities having charge of missions in such Synods.

3. Each of the three committees of the General Council shall have power to make its own rules, fill all vacancies in its number, appoint all Missionaries to the fields under its control, also all Agents and Superintendents, determine the character and spheres of their labors, receive, collect and disburse all moneys for their support; and shall report in detail its operations, receipts and expenditures, to each regular convention of the General Council.

4. Each of these committees shall choose its own officers, and shall have its own Treasurer, who shall give security to such amount as the committee from time to time may require; five members inclusive of the President, shall be a quorum for the transaction of business; but, in the absence of the President, seven members shall constitute a quorum.

5. All properties acquired by these committees in the course of

their Home Mission operations, shall have the titles for the same vested in "*The Trustees of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.*"

6. Each of these committees is authorized to accept any Mission funds or fields which the Synods connected with the General Council may place under its care, and to aid such Synods in their Mission work.

7. Alterations of these Rules and Regulations may be made only by a vote of two-thirds at a regular convention of the General Council.

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on the Church Book be the special order for to-morrow forenoon.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. F. Wischan.

SEVENTH SESSION.

NOVEMBER 13, 1:30 P. M.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. J. Kuendig.

Rev. Dr. B. M. Schmucker read the

Annual Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

In presenting our Annual Report, we have to acknowledge the Divine goodness and mercy which have followed us. There have been sore trials with which our faith has been called to contend, but the work of the Lord has nevertheless prospered as in no former year.

DEATH OF REV. A. B. CARLSON.

One of our Missionaries has given his life as a sacrifice to the Lord's work. Brother A. B. Carlson suffered greatly from an early period after his arrival in India from the effects of the climate. When our last report was presented we expressed the hope that his removal to Samulcotta would afford him relief, but even at the time when that report was presented, sore trial had come upon him and upon our Mission. In consequence, probably, of undue exertion and exposure to which he was urged by his burning zeal, his strength was overcome, and an excitement of brain ensued which resulted in violent insanity. It was found necessary to remove him to an Asylum at Madras early in September. It was hoped that he would so improve that he might be brought home, but it was found impossible, and on the 29th of March last,

he was called to his rest, at the age of 36 years, 7 months and 13 days. He was born at Docderhult, in Sweden, educated at the Institutions of the Augustana Synod, then at the Seminary in Philadelphia, ordained June 16, sent out June 24, 1878, and arrived in India January, 1879. After a year spent in acquiring the Telugu, he was specially charged with the future conduct and development of the schools at Rajahmundry. In preparation for this work he visited the schools at divers Missions to examine their provisions and arrangements, and we had hoped to receive a well-considered plan of future development of our school system, but severe attacks of fever disabled him. In hope of relief, he was at his request transferred to Samulcotta, which we had not occupied since we had charge of the Mission. There he overlooked the repairs of our house and entered with fervent zeal and high hope into the field around him. He was very enthusiastic with reference to the future there when suddenly he was laid low.

Br. Poulsen, who succeeded him at Samulcotta, writes thus of him :

"A faithful servant of God, a zealous and hard-working Missionary of yours, and a dear brother and fellow-laborer of ours has fallen. But the enemies have not done it, our Shepherd and dear Lord called him away from this field and what he does is well done. Our dear Lord's ways are not always practicable for us, but He has His secret work going on.

"We out here are so far away from you, and our work and circumstances are so different from yours that you cannot know our work and difficulties and sufferings, but God knows everything. I shall not care to write much about our dear Brother, but it is but fair to his memory, but fair to his relatives and friends, as well as to his supporters as Missionary, that one who has seen his doing out here should bear witness, that he was a most faithful, zealous, and self-denying laborer. From all that I can gather, it was his zeal which gave him the blow, exposing himself too much to the dangerous heat.

"Now, dear friends, do not allow yourselves to think only of the one who has fallen, but send recruits.

"With reference to Mrs. Carlson, had Br. Carlson so recovered as to have been able to return home, she would necessarily have accompanied him. After his death she returned at once to this country."

SAMULCOTTA AND BR. POULSEN'S RETURN.

Rev. I. K. Poulsen, after having had leave of absence to recruit his health since March, 1880, returned, at the close of January last, to the Mission. He was assigned to Samulcotta in order that the work begun and the hopes excited by the re-occupation of the Mission there might not be disappointed. A vigorous protest

against our resuming our labors there was made by the Baptists at Coconada. They had begun labor in Samulcotta and desired to be left undisturbed. But we did not consent because the Mission had been begun there by those into whose work we had entered; the place had been regularly visited by our laborers; we had a large and valuable Mission property there, and from the beginning had declared our purpose to occupy it as soon as more Missionaries could be sent out. With the whole, wide unoccupied field about them, if they chose to enter our occupied places during a temporary vacancy, they were the intruders and not we.

Besides these reasons, our Mission House is not in Samulcotta but not less than a mile from it and on the road to Peddapur, two miles distant, a town of 10,000 inhabitants, beyond which is a large unoccupied range of villages. We have not yet renewed labors in the town of Samulcotta, but have turned toward Peddapur. A strong desire to secure schools has been shown by the natives. Six teachers have been secured and set at work by Br. Poulsen, so that with his own constant supervision of them by weekly visits, and his labors and those of a colporteur throughout the district, we have a good beginning made again there. The location of one of our Missionaries at Dowlaiswaram has of necessity been delayed, as Br. Poulsen, who was to have occupied it, was sent to Samulcotta. In the meantime a teacher and school are there and it is regularly visited by Rev. Joseph from his not distant home, and occasionally by our Missionaries at Rajahmundry.

SENDING OUT ANOTHER MISSIONARY.

A call was given August 28, 1882, to Rev. Franklin S. Dietrich, of Albany tp., Berks county, Pa., to enter into the work of our Mission. He accepted the call and at a public service held in Trinity church, Reading, Tuesday, October 3, he was solemnly invested with his office by the Officers of the Committee, in the presence of the Officers of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, twenty-five Pastors and a great congregation. Br. Dietrich is an Alumnus of Philadelphia Seminary, long and well known to the Committee, and we are persuaded, that should he be able to bear the climate, he will be an earnest and useful laborer. He was ordained by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, Monday, June 5, 1882, and is twenty-nine years of age. He sailed October 17, from New York for London on his way to India. He expects to reach Rajahmundry before Christmas.

MISSIONARIES IN THE FUTURE.

Frederick MacCready, a native of India, though of Scotch parentage, a member of the congregation at Rajahmundry, has desired to devote his life to the work of the Mission, and to this end came over to this country and is now pursuing his studies at the Seminary in Philadelphia. At the request of the Committee, aid has been given him by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania until he is ready to be sent out; no expense is incurred to be met from the Mission funds.

In June last Rev. Christian Jensen, Director of the Mission Institution at Brecklum, Schleswig, visited this country, and in conference with the Committee, expressed a willingness on the part of that Institution to co-operate with us by furnishing laborers for our Mission if we have need and are able to maintain more than offer here to engage in the work. We owe much to the friends of our Mission in Schleswig. Our Missionaries, Schmidt and Becker, were sent us by the agency of our beloved Missionary, Father Gronning. Br. Poulsen was also secured by them, though educated in Denmark. Many gifts have gone annually from Schleswig to our Missionaries to aid them in their work. Father Gronning's son is the Inspector of the Brecklum Institution. The field chosen for their labors in India is adjacent to our own, and they will be hearty co-laborers with us in that country. Many ties, therefore, bind us together. Pastor Jensen hoped that within two years one or two laborers could be furnished us. We rejoice in the offer of aid from so favorable a source, but still we entreat the Lord that he will dispose the hearts of men from our own congregations to devote themselves to this work in such numbers and with such constancy that we need not seek aid from abroad.

CONFERENCE AT RAJAHMUNDRY.

A general Conference of all Mission Agents was held on second Christmas Day, of which Br. Arhnan sends the following account:

When Father Heyer was in India, he established the practice of holding a Conference of all the Mission Agents on the day after Christmas. This year seemed to portend such great things for our Mission that we thought it necessary that these Conferences, which had for several years been omitted, should be resumed and continued regularly. I send you the minutes of the Conference.

From these minutes we select the following items:

Minutes of the Conference.

After devotional exercises, the officers of the Conference were appointed, and the Conference properly organized. Br. Schmidt naturally belonged in the chair as the Senior Missionary. Br. Poulsen (who is expected back in India very soon) was appointed Vice President. The Committee in America have appointed Rev. Artman, Mission Treasurer, from the beginning of 1882, and the conference also requested him to act as English Secretary. J. William, head-master ot the school in Rajahmundry, was appointed Telugu Secretary.

The following is a roll of the members of Conference and a record of the attendance:

Rev. H. C. Schmidt,	C. James,	Agents in Rajahmundry.
Rev. J. K. Poulsen,*	J. William,	
Rev. H. G. B. Artman,	V. Ratnam,	
Rev. N. Paulus,	B. Jacob,	
Rev. T. Joseph,	M. Alfred,	

From Rev. Joseph's District.

M. Wm. Schaeffer,	R. Prakasham,
M. Lazarus,	R. Johann,
G. Paradasy,	N. Thomas.*

From Rev. Schmidt's District.

B. John, Ch. Matthew,

L. Jeremiah.

From Rev. Paulus' District.

K. Prakasham,	E. Johann,*
T. Michael,	P. Gnana Prakasham,*
N. Stephen,*	P. Peter,*

E. Zechariah.

*Absent.

It was the general opinion of Conference, that the village teachers did not attend to their duties as faithfully as they ought. But to secure a better state of affairs, it was unanimously agreed that C. James be appointed Inspector of Schools, to visit all the village schools of our Mission, at least twice a year, and hold semi-annual examinations, for the promotion of worthy children to the main schools at Rajahmundry.

As a further restriction upon the teachers, the following rules which had been proposed long ago by Father Heyer, were unanimously agreed to:

1. The village teachers must attend to their schools faithfully five (5) days in the week, and spend Sunday and one other day of the week in preaching in their own village or in neighboring villages.

2. The village teachers are allowed to have one month's leave every year. If they take more than a month, their pay will be lessened according to the number of days absent.

On motion it was also agreed that the teachers preach upon the following Gospel lessons during the months of the new year, 1882, viz.: Matt. ii, 1-12; Matt. iv, 1-11; Luke xxiii; Mark xvi, 1-8; Mark xvi, 14-20; Acts ii, 1-13;

July, John iii, 1-15; Luke xiv, 14, 16, 24; Luke xv, 1-10; Luke x, 23-37; Matt. xxi, 1-9; Luke ii, 1-14.

It was also resolved that each village teacher must write a short sermon every month upon the Gospel lesson for the month; and a letter upon a subject to be given to the Inspector of Schools. The latter is to examine these writings and afterward lay them before the officers of Conference.

It was resolved that no children are to be admitted to the boarding schools without a note from their Pastors and the Inspector of Schools.

There has long been a feeling among some of our people that our Mission shall become a little self-supporting. Rev. Paulus made some remarks to bring the subject before the meeting. Several others also made favorable remarks, about trying to raise funds among the Christians of our Mission.

The following resolution was then unanimously passed by Conference:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Conference that each person in our Mission drawing a salary, pay at least one "*dub*" equal to about one "*cent*" of U. S. money, for each Rupee (40 cents) received, every month; and that those who draw no salaries shall make a yearly contribution of money or grain at the harvest time.

This resolution was passed with a view to making a beginning toward rendering our Mission self-supporting.

It was unanimously agreed that a collection be taken up every Sunday morning, in the congregation at Rajahmundry, by passing around a bag or basket, so as to give every one an opportunity to contribute a little.

It was suggested that Sunday-Schools be established in all the villages as soon as possible.

The attention of Conference was called to the need of new church bells in Rajahmundry, Jagurupad and Velpur.

It was unanimously agreed that a Christian "chuttrum" (inn) be built in Rajahmundry, for the accommodation of Christians who visit this place. The funds for its erection to be collected among the Christians by a subscription list.

It was agreed that each teacher be furnished with a copy of these Minutes, so that they may be read and explained to all our Christians.

Adjourned at 1.30 P. M., after singing a hymn, repeating the Lord's Prayer, according to the newly translated liturgy, and the benediction.

H. G. B. Artman, *English Sec.*

NEW MISSION HOUSE.

Riverdale.

The new dwelling for the present occupancy by Br. Schmidt and the permanent use of our Mission has been completed. The entire cost has been $2,276. The beautiful grounds on which it stands, on the banks of the Godavery, in a very eligible position, are a present to the mission from Rev. H. C. Schmidt and his wife. The thanks of the Church have been conveyed to them. It is believed that by the prudence and economy of Br. Schmidt the costs of the building have been kept very low. On a part of these grounds the new Caste Girls' School has been erected at a cost of $200.

BOARDING HOUSES.

A new Boarding House for boys was begun last year and until July last $93 had been expended on it; about $150 will be needed to complete it.

A house of like kind for girls was begun this year, only $24 had been expended on it before July, but about $300 will be needed to pay for its erection.

These Boarding Houses when completed will afford greatly needed accommodation for these growing schools.

MISSIONARY PAPERS.

The enlarged circulation of the papers issued by the Committee has made the appointment of an agent necessary, by whom the business connected with their publication will be conducted and to whom a small compensation will be paid. Rev. C. G. Fisher, Germantown, Pennsylvania, has been appointed. The manifold labors of the editors are still rendered, as they have always been, without cost.

Rev. W. A. Schæffer has again become Associate Editor of the *Foreign Missionary*.

The *Missions Bote* grows steadily in the esteem of the Church and in its circulation, which is now 16,500 copies. It is a source of constant income to the funds of the Mission as the Treasurer's account shows that the profits for the year have been.

The *Foreign Missionary*, though especially full in the accounts of our mission, and by common consent edited with much care and spirit, has not found as hearty a welcome from the English congregations as the *Bote* has done from the German. It is to be hoped that there may be an increase of concern in the Lord's Mission work among the English parts of the Church. The circulation of the paper at present is 6,000, and its expenses are just equalled by its receipts.

MAP OF THE MISSION FIELD.

A very clear and beautiful map of the field where our mission is at work has been prepared and is now ready for issue.

The map is 10 by 11 inches. The Taluk or Districts are separately colored, four colors being used. The sheet also contains a small outline map of India showing the position of our Mission. The names of our Stations and Out-Stations are underlined. The scale is eight miles to the inch. The price is, single copy 10 cents; 12 copies for $1; 100 copies for $5. It would increase and satisfy the interest of our members if it were widely circulated. The cost

of the preparation of the stone and printing the first 1,000 copies is about $57.

BRECKLUM MISSION.

At the request of the authorities of the Mission Institution at Brecklum in Schleswig, our Missionaries have aided in the establishment of their first Mission and the settlement there of two Missionaries. Of their journey for this purpose Br. Schmidt's report gives an account

BELL FOR ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

The Young People's Missionary Society of St. Michæl's, Germantown, Pa., have sent out as a present to the church at Rajahmundry a bell cast for the purpose by the Meneelys, of the best quality.

This Society has monthly meetings for the study of missionary subjects, at each of which carefully prepared information about some special field is presented by members appointed for the purpose. Out of their own earnings the costs of the bell were contributed. Such associations may be of great interest and advantage.

SUPPORT OF SCHOLARS.

The Reports of the several Schools which are included in this annual summary show that the number of scholars for whom support is asked is now much increased, and there is every probability of still greater increase in the near future.

A number of Sunday schools have in past years offered support for a scholar when none could be assigned. Many schools have refrained from offers because of their knowledge of this fact.

We would now earnestly request offers for the support of a scholar, and the renewal of offers formerly made. Those who are disposed to undertake the support of a Teacher, Catechist, or native Pastor, are invited to inform the Committee.

The cost of the support of a boy in the Mission School is $30, in the Government School $34, 45 or 50 according to grade. The support of a girl $20–25.

The salary of the Teachers ranges from $36–60, that of an Evangelist or Catechist is $90, of a native Pastor, $150.

STATISTICS.

The two Missionaries at Rajahmundry returned from their long journey to Bastar so shortly before the time for sending the annual report and were so prostrated by fever and fatigue that they have not gathered from the native Pastors the desired reports of their several stations Of the schools at Rajahmundry the reports are

very full, but of the congregation there and of the schools and pastorates outside our accounts are very meagre. Of baptisms alone have we any report. We present such statistics as could be gathered from the reports.

Missionaries sent out and at work	3
" on the voyage outward	1
" died within the year	1
Wives of Missionaries in service	3
Native Ordained Pastors	2
Unordained Evangelist	1
Colporteurs	2
Teachers, Rajahmundry, male 4, female 2	6
" Out-Stations	25
Scholars, Day School, Rajahmundry	120
Sunday School, Rajahm, Telegu.	
Teachers, male 7, female 8	15
Scholars, " 61, " 65	126
Sunday School, English.	
Teachers, male 3, female 3	6
Scholars, " 38, " 28	68
Boys in Boarding House	29
Girls in Boarding School	24
Baptized, 1869–1879	536
" during 1880	124
" " 1881	170
" January–June, 1882	121

These figures show an encouraging increase since last year's report of 3 additional teachers at Rajahmundry and 14 at Out Stations, most of them at newly occupied places.

Increase of Scholars in Day School, 47; boys in the Boarding House in preparation to become Teachers and Catechists, 13; girls, 10; in the Telugu Sunday School, teachers 3, scholars, 27; the whole English Sunday School of 6 teachers and 68 scholars. Such growth is truly encouraging and shows the labors of the earlier years are now producing results.

REPORT OF REV. H. C. SCHMIDT.

At the end of another half-year we have much reason for joy and thanksgiving. It is the Lord's work which has prospered in our District—not our work. Though it has been a time of bodily labor for us two Missionaries in Rajahmundry, as hardly any time before, still most of our time was spent in assisting the Brecklum Miss. Soc., to establish a new Mission among the hill tribes, which took us away from our own field for more than three months. Our fears that this might cause some delay in our work have not been

realized. There have been received into our Church by holy baptism 121 persons, and signs of increased interest are apparent in all directions.

CASTE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

It is a remarkable fact in South Indian Mission work that most of the converts of the last century came from among the Caste people, and in this century most come from the so-called out-castes, *i. e.*, pariahs and chucklers. Missionaries preach the Gospel to all alike, but whilst the rich and wise go on considering whether Christ is the *only* Saviour or not and delay, the poor and despised believe the Gospel and ask to be admitted into the Church. The natural consequences are that Mission work is principally among these poor. And even among these poor arise difficulties if the poorest and lowest in society accept the Gospel first, the less poor, the pariahs, think it degrading to join the Christian Church on that account. Those who stand higher in the scale of Indian castes find it much more difficult to think of joining the religion of the degraded. And still it is the duty of the Missionary to bring the Gospel to all without any preference whatever. Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Missionaries spend much time in conversation with high caste men, not to speak of the work carried on in Mission High Schools. And their wives sow the seed quietly in the Zenanas, *i. e.*, high caste female departments, and they try to gather Caste girls into separate schools. At the beginning of this year a building for this purpose had been finished on the ground of the new Mission-house "Riverdale." Mrs. Schmidt felt a desire to have such a school as her former work among Christian girls had gone over into the hands of Mrs. Artman.

The new Caste girls' school was opened by a special meeting. But though the Teachers were in attendance the next day, no girls came. I went the following day with the head master, our dear V. Ratnam, from house to house in this part of the town, and we invited the parents to send their daughters. A number promised to do so, and the school commenced with four scholars. That was a small beginning; however the number of girls on the roll rose slowly to about sixty, although seldom more than one-third attended at a time. The little education they have received begins already to tell upon them. Some know the whole alphabet, others spell already. They sew a little, and have commenced to learn a few hymns—and they look much cleaner than in the beginning,

spring about so happily, and wherever they see Mrs. Schmidt they meet her with a hearty "Salam!" They like their teacher, Ratnam, who is of a very quiet and gentle disposition, and therefore the very man for this work.

THE ZENANA CLASS.

Mrs. Artman and Mrs. Schmidt have also had much pleasure in their class of native ladies in the Munsiffs' house. His daughter learns now to play on the piano, and they have commenced to learn the hymn and tune, "Jesus, lover of my soul."

Some time ago Mr. Artman and I went there to meet our wives, and whilst they were practising this tune, we were asked to come into the ladies' room and join in the singing, and we did so. We entered with the usual "Salam," but avoided taking notice of the native ladies. Mr. Artman was then asked to play, and he gave them several pieces to the enjoyment of the party.

As Mr. Artman is in charge of the other schools at Rajahmundry, he will give a full report. I will only say that the boys and girls' boarding-schools are very promising, but that it is of great importance that proper accommodations be provided for the steadily increasing number. We have commenced building, but in a slow country like India, this is slow work. But slow and steady progress is perhaps the surest way to success in India.

THE NEW BRECKLUM MISSION.

Even under British rule it may be difficult to get justice, but quite different is the case in independent States of India. Of this we saw a good deal in Bastar, and this was the principal cause why we had to give up the original plan to establish a Mission Station there.

The Brecklum Missionary Society resolved rather suddenly to take up the Bastar country as their field of labor, and before we were quite prepared for it, two young Missionaries arrived here, and I was requested to take them to Bastar and select a suitable place for a station there. In spite of all apparent difficulties, the whole plan had many points of interest; and Mr. Heelis, Missionary of the Plymouth Brethren at Nursap, offered at once to go along, and Mr. Artman expressed the same desire. In his case it was first thought it might be better for him to remain here in charge of our Mission. But as the tour included the hot season, and as such a chance to see so much of the uncivilized parts of India and its people would not easily happen again, Mr. Artman had soon decided in his mind to accompany us, which was of much valuable assistance.

The tour up the Godavery and the Savery, with its many and bold rocks, was most interesting; and even the long march through the Bastar country, from Manikidevikonta to Jugdalpur, on the banks of the Indravatty, brought us every day so many new things to see and hear that none of us minded the profuse perspiration caused by walking in the hot sun, nor the tired legs, nor the hard ground for our resting-place at night. We had an excellent appetite and abundance of provision. And we had not much difficulty in getting, every morning, forty or fifty bearers for our baggage. It was a fine sight thus to see half-a-hundred men go in single file through the leafless jungles, and our men amongst them with guns, spears, etc. Mr. Heelis had always his Snyder on his shoulder on the march, and could have been ready at any moment to knock over a tiger or leopard, but they kept aloof from us and disappointed us. However, he succeeded in providing venison for our table, and brought one day even two pretty antelopes.

The plateau of Bastar is fine land for cultivation, and as flat and even as the Godavery Delta. Many a fine spot we saw up there, and the people were such fine-built and happy men, that we could not help picturing before us future Mission Stations wherever we found that nature had planned and formed beautiful sceneries, such as one seeks in vain down in the plains. The good impression of the whole was so overwhelming that the two young brethren thought themselves very happy to be privileged to begin work there. They even hinted at my dark and gloomy and very wrong statements about Bastar, by which I had frightened the good people in Schleswig. All I could do was to ask them not to go to the other extreme and write too glorious reports home about Bastar before they had had time to sift all evidence. In Jugdalpur we find a different population from that in the country; a mixture of all nations and all colors, from the blackest pariah from the plains to the whitest Rohilla from the north. But they were all equal in welcoming us, and were glad to hear that Europeans would settle down among them. All along we had found people who could speak Telugu, and here we also found a number. Many spoke Hindustani, but the court language is Balbandi, and the common people speak Halbi, a language which is not yet reduced to writing. The Rajar also gave us a kind reception, and expressed himself pleased with our purpose to educate his people. He is a man in his best years, and seems to be of sober and regular habits, and is kind and friendly. But he is weak, and has no authority. When we first entered his room he put on an unnatural air of

dignity, but when he saw our presents, which consisted mostly of toys with clockwork, he laid hold, with both hands, of his blue whiskers and laughed so that he chuckled. There was an old Mussulman in the assembly, who, however, did not give an encouraging impression. He is Sheristadar, but really the governor both of the Rajah and his land. When the Rajah held a council about us the next day, this man told him that it would not be well to let us settle down in Bastar. When the English came to India, they asked only for a bit of land, and had now taken the whole; and they would do the same with Bastar. Nevertheless, the Rajah seemed to be favorable to us, and kept us with promises for a whole month. At last he asked us for 2,000 rupees, and when we refused to give them, he got angry, and they now thought of how to get rid of us. They held many Privy Council meetings, almost every evening, about us; and in one, the Rajah's younger brother called out, "Shoot them down, and throw them away; I will be responsible for it." Though we had paid in advance for supplies of food and building materials, nothing was forthcoming. The rainy season threatened to set in on the hills, and we saw we could not live long without other shelter than the trees and without food. Mr. Heelis was just recovering from bilious fever, which had brought him near the grave, and several of our people were down with fever. To remain in Bastar would have been our certain death in a very short time, and we therefore had to leave, and decided to go to Koraput in Seypur, where there are English officers. We arrived at Koraput with our sick, after a difficult march of over seventy miles, on the 15th of May. The principal officials were out in the District, but we entered their large house in anticipation of their permission, which we also received by letter after a few days. The Special Agent of the Government gave us permission to build a Mission Station on the best spot which we could find. Koraput is about 3,000 feet high, 1,000 feet higher than Bastar. But the highland of Jegpur is not a plateau like Bastar. It is very hilly. When Mr. Turner first saw the valley of Koraput lying at his feet, he said about the hill on which he stood, "This is Pisgah." Ever since then he has worked hard to make this a Sanitarium, and to build a road up the Ghaut. Several officers in Rajahmundry have already advised me to occupy this station instead of Bastar, and when we were obliged to give up Bastar, we were naturally directed to Koraput. We had the privilege of holding the first English and Telugu services which have ever been held there. As the Government Agent Mr. Turner, and Special

Agent Mr. Weir, both favored our plan to establish a Mission there, the necessary arrangements were soon made, and on the 9th of June we could leave Koraput for our home. Both the two brethren who remained there, and we three who left, felt the separation very much after three months' company. It was generally very cold up at Koraput, and we had plenty of rain. But as soon as we came down to the plains, we found it very dry and hot. In one Station we had 100°, and both Mr. Heelis and Mr. Artman were delirious with fever, and the best of our servants also. I felt very sad, but still very thankful that I was able to keep up and arrange for our journey. It was 150 miles to Vigagapatum, and from there we went by steamer to Coconada. On the 22d our wives met us at Dowlaiswaram. It was a happy meeting, though we were rather worn-out. Mr. Heelis made the worst appearance. He had suffered much, first from fever, and then from a large abscess under his ear, by which the whole gland had come off. The wound was almost whole, but his strength gone. It was sad to see how frightened almost every one was at the first sight of us. We spent a happy day together, but none of us were able to rise next morning. The change from the cold hills to the hot plains was too much for us, in addition to the fever and want of proper food from which we had suffered. We were now getting into our old ways again, and recovered strength under the care of our wives.

The Telugu Church Book.

At last the Telugu Church Book has come from the press. It is astonishing to observe how long a time a job takes for Hindus. Instead of finishing it off quickly and getting their money for it, they delay as if to say, "Our principal duty is to teach you patience." The printing and paper is fairly satisfactory. The contents will supply a long felt want in our Mission, though the selection and arrangement is far from what it ought to be. Missionaries have not a fair chance to study Lutheran Liturgies and we are too few to conduct a satisfactory revision. Another difficulty is, that Telugu Music cannot be applied to the translated portions of the service which are sung in America, neither can the English Music. All that we attempted to do in this direction was to use a few lines of praise, which could be sung to Telugu tunes. One case is in the Sunday service after the reading of the Gospel, where the words of praise are correctly translated, which may be said by the congregation, or instead of that, they sing to a Telugu tune :

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Amen.

The Telugu Church Book contains:

1. Morning and Communion Service.
2. Litany.
3. Evening Service.
4. The Order of Infant Baptism.
5. Public Recognition of Private Baptism.
6. The Order of Confirmation.
7. The Order of Adult Baptism.
8. Table of Relationship where marrying is illegal.
9. The Order of the Solemnization of Marriage.
10. The Order of Burial.
11. The Order of Ordination.
12. Prayers.
13. Table of Festivals.
14. Table of Epistles and Gospels.

As far as the English Church book of the General Council goes, we followed the same closely, and afterwards we followed the Lueneburg Kirchenordning and Dr. Seiss' small book of Forms.

Bible Depot.

This year the Madras Auxiliary Bible Society has established a Bible Depot at Rajahmundry, of which they asked me to take charge. They have always kept a Colporteur here. But through the Depot, additional facilities are gained to spread the Holy Scriptures. A tentative edition of the Telugu Bible is issued by the Madras Bible Society.

Leave of Absence.

I cannot finish this long report without adding one word more. I have now been more than twelve years in India and have only had once a change of climate to the Nilgiris for two months. I feel more and more that I am unable to do my work as I ought to do it—my strengh faileth me. Though I have kept pretty well out of the hand of the doctor, still I have to take to medicine rather freely, and I cannot keep off the thought that either my course in India will not be much longer—or a tour home may restore my health for more work in India. I had always some hopes that a new Missionary might come out, and whilst he would study the language at Rajahmundry he might assist Br. Artman and I might take the chance to go home on leave. We will hardly be able to wait till our new Missionaries are willing to come. But as both Br. Artman and I were absent from our field this year for over three months, and saw on our return no serious damage done to he work, I believe Br. Artman will be able to carry on the work

alone, and I trust the Lord will give him health and strength to do so. I would therefore ask for leave of absence at such a time when I find it.

If the Lord will strengthen us for traveling at home, I believe the time will pass fast between America, Denmark and Germany, provided old friends have not forgotten us and the Church will give us a chance to make new friends and by the Lord's blessing interest many in our Telugu Mission.

With much love,

Your Messenger,

H. C. SCHMIDT.

REPORT OF REV. H. G. B. ARTMAN.

I enclose the reports of the Schools at Rajahmundry which will, I think, cover what I am expected to send. There is an important question which now presents itself forcibly, namely, how are heathen enquirers who come here to seek protection and instruction and advice of the Missionaries, to be taught and provided for? The rule is that no heathen children shall be admitted as boarders. This is as it should be, except in certain special cases like those we have had lately. A man who was formerly a Sepoy, but obtained honorable dismission, came to us seeking salvation. He had stoutly resisted and opposed the preaching of the Gospel for more than a year, but at last was convinced of his sinfulness and need of a Saviour. As soon as his inclination to become a Christian became known to his relatives and friends he was cast out of house and home and naturally came to us for protection. What could we do but assist and shelter him, especially when we saw his good and earnest character? In a short time he was prepared for baptism, and is now one of our most promising older persons in the Boarding House. His heathen name was Appayyah, but he was named B. David, at his own request. His wife at first utterly refused to have anything to do with him, but now she, too, is standing at the door and knocking, and, by God's help, she may soon be admitted into the Church and then they may be properly wedded according to the Christian ordinance.

(Several cases of this nature are described.) Now the question is, how is the money for the temporary maintenance of such persons to be supplied? I am afraid I will not be able to endure the expense personally, and I don't think it is proper to ask Br. Schmidt to do it, as I fear he has already been too liberal in supplying the wants of certain Christians out of his own pocket, who

will, no doubt, expect the same liberality from others. Could not some contributions be raised for this particular object?

I still teach a class of Brahmin boys, numbering 15, one hour each day. I am trying my best also to prepare Telugu sermons now and then.

I am trying my best to keep my expenditures for boarding children within proper limits, but still it seems to me that the figures begin to look very large. We should all pray earnestly and use every means to awaken an interest in those congregations and Sunday Schools which are not yet doing what they should.

Please do not forget the greatest of all our needs, and urge the Committee to send us another man and wife soon to assist us in gathering in the Lord's harvest.

ANGLO-VERNACULAR DAY SCHOOL.

In my last year's report about the day school at Rajahmundry, which was written just about six months after I was placed in charge, I promised to improve the present school just as it was at that time, without making any effort to start a new school with a higher curriculum. I am convinced more than ever that that is the only way to place our school for the education of native helpers on a firm and advantageous basis. Our first step toward the improvement of the school was to endeavor to grade the children into classes according to a certain standard, and to arrange their studies according to their abilities; I therefore instituted a searching examination last December, by the help of the teachers, especially J. William Henry, the head master, in all the subjects that had been previously taught. The results of this test induced me to divide the school into three chief divisions, viz.: The *Upper* or highest classes, numbered A, B, C and D, and the *Lower* classes, A, B, C and D, and the *Primary*, or sand writing department. This new arrangement went into force the beginning of this year, and at the same time I followed Br. Schmidt's advice and reintroduced a few branches of study which had been dropped out during the last few years. I also increased the school hours each day to six instead of five as heretofore, viz.: 7–11 A. M., and 2–4 P. M. Saturday being the only exception, when two hours only are devoted to singing practice and learning of hymns (7–9 A. M).

I will append a schedule of the studies of the various classes. Since the first of this year our school has been growing rapidly in numbers and I hope in usefulness, and I have been forced to add two more teachers to the number, which was originally three,

viz.: J. William Henry, M. Alfred and J. Lorah; I added M. Amelia, Alfred's wife, in January, and N. Charles Paulus at the beginning of this month (September). I also teach one hour every day and try to be present as often as possible in addition to that time. The school work increases materially with the advent of new boarding children; and this has been especially the case since July 1st on account of the arrival of so many men who are trying to prepare themselves to be teachers. For their accommodation I have now arranged two additional classes, Senior A and B, because the other classes were not only too full already, but especially because these men must be taught in a manner altogether different from that in which the small children are taught. I continually feel impelled to take more time for school work, but my studies will not allow it.

The school still occupies the two large rooms in connection with the church edifice, and by economizing space carefully, we manage to accommodate all the pupils. But if the school should continue to increase as it has in the past eight months, some additional accommodations will have to be prepared. The following is a statement of the number of pupils at present in the various classes:

		By whom taught.	Christian pupils. Male.	Christian pupils. Female.	Heathen pupils. Male.	Heathen pupils. Female.	Total in each class.
Upper	A	J. William,	4	...	...	...	4
"	B	Rev. Artman,	4	1	...	...	5
"	C	N. Chas. Paulus,	8	1	3	...	12
"	D	M. Alfred,	1	6	...	...	7
Lower	A	M. Alfred,	6	9	1	...	16
"	B	J. Lorah,	4	14	...	...	18
"	C	J. Lorah,	6	11	...	..	17
"	D	M. Amelia,	...	5	3	...	8
Senior	A	J. William,	9	...	1	...	10
"	B	M. Alfred,	2	...	...	...	2
Sand Writer,		M. Amelia.	6	10	2	3	21
			50	57	10	3	120

Average attendance about 100. Grand total, 120.

The total number of pupils is equally divided among the males and females. There are at present thirteen heathen pupils, and no doubt the number will grow larger as our school increases in usefulness. God grant that our school may prepare many faithful laborers for His vineyard.

BOYS' BOARDING HOUSE.

During the year which has elapsed since the last report of this institution of our Mission was sent you, several changes and improvements have been made and an unusual number have sought admission as boarders. The number of men who have expressed a willingness to become teachers, after a period of training at

Rajahmundry, is unusually large. And what is very encouraging in regard to them, they are generally men of good standing in their villages, with land and influence, and with a practical experience of life, which it is difficult for those who come to be boarders in their young days to obtain. We have, therefore, rejoiced to see an awakening in this direction on account of the very pressing need of teachers just now, and because these men can be prepared for active service in a much shorter time than the small boys. But our dear friends at home must not think that because there are now some men to be educated the necessity for training the worthy boys is done away with, for it may never occur again that so many men can be found who are qualified and willing to study as have come forward this year. The education and training of the boys is the only sure and steady way of getting teachers for our growing needs, although the other seems to have some advantages. If the men who come to study are married we generally advise them to bring their wives and children with them to Rajahmundry that they too may attend the schools and learn sewing, etc., from the missionaries' wives, as well as enjoy the benefits and privileges of the Church with our large congregation here in Rajahmundry. This new field of labor necessitates a great expenditure of money as these families must be supported as long as they study. Since the number of boarders has increased so much I have had great difficulty in finding suitable buildings for them to lodge in. Our friends at home must not be backward in giving of their means, so that the proper houses can be built. I am compelled to divide the male boarders into three classes. 1st. All those who range from nine to ten years old live together in one house at present; there are fifteen of them, and the new house for their accommodation which is being built will soon be finished. The second set of boys, or rather men, are those of about eighteen years or over, who are either unmarried or have not yet brought their families. All present, there are seven in this party and all very promising students, but as there is no proper building for them they are compelled to live in a small hut, hardly big enough for two people to live in, and it is impossible for them all to sleep in that small place. We have given permission for three of them to sleep on one of the verandahs of our bungalow. It is necessary that a separate building be secured for these men very soon. It will not do to let the young boys and men live together as we have learned by experience. I have given the names and ages of these also in the accompanying list. The third class are those who have brought their

families. There are at present four of them. Their wives are counted among the boarding girls, although I have tried very hard to give each family a separate habitation so that they need not separate. I have managed to accommodate these four families by dividing Dr. Bilderback's old palmyra leaf-shed into three rooms by means of large bamboo mats and by erecting a small temporary hut of bamboos and palmyra leaves for the remaining family. One of these families has three children, another two, and the others none. Contributions should also be raised for the support and housing of such worthy families as may wish to come to Rajahmundry to study. Taking all the male boarders together during this year the number was thirty-three, and others have asked for admission but are compelled to wait until accommodations can be secured. Thirteen of the first set of boys are being supported by individuals and Sunday Schools. And we hope the remaining three in that division, and all the others who are unsupported, will soon be provided for by kind friends.

During the year five boys who were taken on trial were dismissed on account of dullness or other disqualifications, and one was employed as teacher, leaving the present number in actual attendance upon their duties 27. It can easily be seen that to furnish food and clothing and education for such a large number of boys is rather expensive, and those who wish to aid in the Lord's work can here see an ample opportunity for usefulness for whatever they can spare of their means.

The duties of these boarding students continue the same as before; viz., six hours of study in our day-school every day except Saturdays and Sundays. On Saturdays two hours are devoted to singing practice and learning hymns, and the larger boarders are expected to go into the surrounding villages to preach. On every week day they all attend morning prayer at six o'clock with those members of the congregation who like to attend in one of the school rooms, and evening prayer in one of our verandahs. The younger boys are required to work in the garden, or compound one hour in every day, and on Saturdays several hours. These men are to receive one hour of practical instruction from Br. Schmidt every day as soon as his strength will permit. There is much cause for thanksgiving in the present flourishing state of our boarding institutions. But the responsibility is great, and more means are needed; it is, therefore, necessary that we implore the Lord of the harvest earnestly and unceasingly to come to our aid in training men to preach his Gospel acceptably.

LIST OF BOYS IN BOARDING HOUSE.

Names.	*Age.*	*Native Village.*	*District.*	*Admitted.*	*Sunday School or person by whom supported.*
B. John	16	Velpur	Velpur		Trinity, Reading.
I. Nathaniel	13	Murumunda	Jagurupad	June, 1881	Rev. J. B. Fox.
M. Cornelius	15	"	"		St. Michael's, Germantown.
M. Yesudasu	13	Jagurupad	"		St James, Reading.
R. Paradasy	13	"	"		J. G. Wagner's Class, Zion's, Rochester
A. Isaac	13	Mahadevapatnam	Velpur		Salem, Lebanon.
P. Charles Henry	11	Tadairu	"	July, 1881	Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Heinitsh.
C. Joseph	11	Konetavadda	"	" "	Ladies' Society, St. Peter's, New York
A. Luke	25		Rev. Schmidt		
R. Charley	13	Jagurupad	Jagurupad		Salem, Bethlehem.
C. Venkanah				September, 1881.	
P. Mesheg	13	Mahadevapatnam	Velpur	October, 1881	St. Luke's, Philadelphia.
P. David	9	"	"	" "	St. John's, Allentown.
A. Jacob	9	"	"	" "	
A. Daniel	13	"	"	November, 1881.	
C. Benjamin	10	Konetavadda	"	" "	Trinity, Lancaster.
L. Yesudas	13	Palkole	Rev. Schmidt	" "	
E. Thomas	15	Junuru	" "	" "	
K. Stephen	16	Novapet	Jagurupad	August, 1881	
P. David	21	Malleepudee	Velpur	November, 1881.	
B. Luke	20	Murumunda	Jagurupad	January, 1882	Zion's, Wilmington.
T. Joseph	25	Palkole	Velpur	July, 1882	
R. Johann	18	Adjaram	"	" "	
B. Appiah David	27	Vizegapatam	Jagurupad		
T. Isaiah	16	Palkole	Velpur	August, 1882	
A. Krishnaya	30		"		
V. Joseph	30	Bobbarajapalem	"	" "	
D. Nathaniel	29	"	"	" "	
G. Cornelius	22	Tadairu	"	" "	
R. Isaac	30	Peravaram	Jagurupad	July, 1882	

Boys supported who live with friends.

P. Jacob, supported by Lutheran Mission Class, St. Mark's, Philadelphia.
N. Isaac, supported by St. John's, Charleston, S. C.
N. Charley (son of Rev. Paulus), St. Paul's, German, Philadelphia.
J. John (son of Henry), " " " "
N. Stephen (son of Rev. Paulus), St. John's, " "

GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

Since the beginning of this year thirteen more girls have been taken into the boarding school, making twenty-four altogether. Of these eighteen are living in the boarding house, and one, Susie Monroe, whose name is on the list, has not yet come to Rajahmundry, on account of her being too young, but she will come before long. The other four are women who are not living with the children, but are taken as boarders, and are educated with their husbands to become village teachers. These women are very ignorant, so we think it a good thing for them to learn something as well as their husbands, to teach the other women when they go back to their villages as teachers. None of these women knew how to sew a stitch when they came, but they are anxious to learn and come one hour every day for sewing. They were very awkward at first with their needles, much more so than children who are just beginning; but by persevering they are improving a little day by day, and will, no doubt, become good workers. Our friends can easily see that our scholars are increasing in number, but the funds do not seem to come in as fast. Of all these girls only eight are being supported. As we give them only the simplest clothes, and cheapest rice and curry, the cost of each girl for a year is only $20 to $25, the sum varying a little with the size of the girl.

As the money which comes in is insufficient, it gives us a great deal of thought and anxiety to know how to manage. We often hear assurances from home that if we get the girls the money also will be found; so all we can do is to appeal again to all interested friends to help us in this work, if not to contribute the whole amount for one girl, then only to give something towards the sum. Although our boarding house is so small, and the wind and rain can come in pretty freely, yet we have not had much illness amongst our girls. There are only two who have been sick, and that has been quite lately—no doubt on account of the wet weather we are having. One of the girls is still suffering from fever, but we hope she will be quite well again in a few days. In conclusion, I would ask you all for your earnest prayers for all the efforts which are being put forth to bring up these children to be useful in teaching here in after years.

LIST OF GIRLS IN BOARDING HOUSE.

Names.	*Age.*	*Native Village.*	*District.*	*Admitted.*	*By whom supported.*
N. Hannah	11	Peravaram	Jagurupad	July, 1881	Mrs. Harkness and daughters, Phila.
E. Rosina	10	Velpur	Velpur	" "	
P. Vehegu	10	Murumunda	Jagurupad	" "	
P. Sundari	10	"	"	" "	Infant S., St. Michael's, Germantown.
T. Amelia	8	"	"	" "	Mrs. Birnbaum, Phila.
K. Grace	10	Gowripatnam	Rev. Schmidt's	" "	Bible Class, St. Michael's Germantown.
N. Maria	12	Peravaram	Jagurupad	" "	
K. Mary Ann	15		Velpur	" "	Miss Cecilia Klinger, N. Y.
T. Hannah	12	Gowripatnam	Rev. Schmidt's		
K. Rose	11				
V. Satyavati	13	Jagurupad	Jagurupad	January, 1882	
J. Martha	13	Murumunda	"	" "	
J. Maria	12	"	"	" "	
N. Maria	11	Gowripatnam	Rev. Schmidt's	" "	
M. Anna	12	Jagurupad	Jagurupad	June, 1882	
K. Karuna	12	"	"	" "	
N. Martha	13	Peravaram	"	" "	
V. Karuna	25	Bobbarayapalem	Velpur	May, 1882	
D. Sarah	25		"	" "	
N. Sarah	20	Peravaram	Jagurupad	August, 1882	
G. Annamnah	18	Tadairu	Velpur	" "	
Venkanuah	25	Rajahmundry		" "	
Susie Monroe					Sewing School, St. Mark's, Phila.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Telugu Sunday School has been conducted regularly and faithfully through the whole year with only a slight intermission during the hottest month. All engaged in this good work show great interest and activity in attending to their duties. Our idea has been to allow our young people to conduct the Sunday School themselves, with as little interference from outside as possible. The plan is working very satisfactorily indeed. J. Wm. Henry is the Superintendent, and C. James and V. Ratman sometimes act as assistants by opening and closing the Schools. The service is translated from our Sunday School book at home, and we hope that some day a way will be opened to have the Sunday School Book, or at least parts of it, issued in Telugu for the use of our Sunday Schools. The exercises last for one hour, from 2:30 to 3:30 P. M. The children are required to study large numbers of Scripture verses and hymns. As a reward for punctuality and attention to lessons, small cards or tickets are given out every Sunday, with short Scripture texts which they are also expected to learn, and at the end of each month larger cards are given to the more worthy ones. The following is an account of the membership, etc., at present:

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Average attendance.
Teachers,	7	8	15	
Pupils,	61	65	126	104

A collection is taken every Sunday, and, although, the amount contributed is small, it answers to pay all the expenses of the school with a little surplus over. Our American Sunday School boys and girls can be glad and happy when they think that their little Hindoo children are all being so carefully taught concerning the love of Jesus the tender Shepherd. Rev. Paulus' Sunday School at Velpur is also continued regularly whenever he is able to be in Velpur. As yet the difficulties in the way of starting other Sunday Schools have been too great to be overcome, but let us hope on and pray to Him who said "Suffer the little children to come unto me," for help, so that very soon there may be a Sunday School in every village where we have Christians.

The English Sunday School is still as interesting and useful as formerly, although it has not yet quite recovered from the effects of its long vacation while we were away on the great Bastar trip. The zeal and interest of some of the East India children and teachers has also grown somewhat cool on account of the great opposition of the English Chaplain, Rev. Durham. But neither

Br. Schmidt nor I are to blame for the conception and existence of this Sunday School. Almost two years ago the school was started by a zealous young lady, Miss Reed, in her own house, and upon her departure, she and all the members of the School begged us most urgently to allow the children to assemble in our St. Paul's church one hour every Sunday for religious instructions, alleging as a reason that the chaplain then in service never attempted to notice the children or any of the humbler members of his own flock. Knowing this to be true, we consented, and the school has ever since been under the superintendence of the Missionaries. When we saw that the new chaplain was inclined to attend to his sheep and lambs more carefully, we expressed a willingness to desist and transfer the school to them. But they were not prepared for that, and now affairs have taken such a turn by the active interest of a large party of Brahmin young men that we feel it necessary to open the church and conduct an English Sunday School to meet our own wants and interests. And, although a few of the East Indians still attend the Sunday School, the interest on their part is not great as they are no doubt afraid of their chaplain. We make no effort to urge the children to come, but they all know that the school is conducted regularly for the sake of Brahmin boys and our own English speaking natives, and that if they come they are welcome. It is very agreeable and comforting to us to have such a Sunday school with the same Sunday school books and hymns which we loved so much in America. One gentleman and several ladies gladly give their time as teachers beside Mrs. Schmidt, Mrs. Artman, Br. Schmidt and myself. And who will venture to say that some good may not be done and some fruitful seed be sown by this humble effort? I cannot refrain from thanking those kind friends who have sent us Sunday School cards and papers from time to time, and especially to those who sent us two dozen small Sunday School Books which were greatly needed.

The following is a statement of the attendance and membership:

	East Indian section.				Native section.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.		Males.	Females.	Total.
Teachers,	2	2	4	Teachers,	1	1	2
Pupils,	8	20	28	Pupils,	30	....	30

Grand total: Teachers, 6. Pupils, 58.
Average attendance, 42.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

We present a detailed account of the expenditures in India for

the year from July 1881 to July 1882. We desire that all who contribute should know for what purposes the monies entrusted to us have been expended.

The following unusual expenditures are anticipated for the ensuing year:

To complete the Boys' Boarding House about Rs. 300; to complete the Girls' Boarding House about Rs. 600; to replace the terrace roof of old Mission House, Rs. 350; to erect a Teachers' House at Rajahmundry, Rs. 250; to purchase ten acres of land for a new station at Tallupudi, Rs. 400; repairs at Samulcotta, Rs. 210. The whole amount asked for for these purposes is, Rs. 2,100, or $882.

EXPENDITURES IN INDIA.

JULY TO DECEMBER, 1881.

REV. H. C. SCHMIDT, *Treasurer.*

MISSION AGENTS.

Rev. H. C. Schmidt's Charge.

Evangelist, C. James	Rs. 90	
Colporteur, L. Jeremias	84.8	
Teachers, V. Ratman	60	
" B. Jacob	55	
" B. John	42	
" Matthew	42	
Traveling Expenses	34.3	
		Rs. 407.11

Rev. I. K. Poulsen's Charge.

Colporteur, Laksmeah, 3 mo	Rs. 30	
Teachers, David	5	
" John	3	
Traveling Expenses	8	
		Rs. 46

Rev. N. Paulus, Velpur District.

Rev. N. Paulus' Salary	Rs. 150	
" " " Traveling Expenses	21.14	
Teachers, E. Johann	42	
" N. Stephen	42	
" K. Prakasam	42	
" Gnanaprakasham	36	
" P. Peter	36	
" K. Michael	30	
" E. Zacharias	13.12	
Traveling Expenses	1	
		Rs. 414.10

Rev. T. Joseph, Jagurupad District.

Rev. T. Joseph's Salary	Rs. 150	
" " " Traveling Expenses	17.3	
Teachers, William Schaeffer	40	
" M. Lazarus	37.8	
" K. Johann	30	
" R. Prakasham	30	
" G. Paradasy	30	
Stolen from Joseph	27	
		Rs. 361.11
Mission Agents, Total		Rs. 1230

SCHOOLS.

Rev. H. G. B. Artman's Charge.

Anglo-Vernacular Day School.		
Teachers' salaries and expenses	Rs. 135.12	
Boys' Boarding School.		
Teachers' salaries and expenses	178.1.3	
Girls' Boarding School.		
Teachers' salaries and expenses	191.7	
		Rs. 505.4.3
Charles Paulus' examine fee		10
Total		Rs. 515.4.3

BUILDINGS.

New Buildings.

Caste Girls' School House	Rs. 416.3.11	
Boys' Boarding House	150.8	
School House, Peddahem	111.2	
Well at Peravaram	113.8	
Riverdale	353.14.4	
		Rs. 1145.4.3

Repairs.

Mission House, Rajahmundry	Rs. 34.7.6	
Wall around compound	112	
Velpur	5.13	
Samulcotta, House and Schools	343.6.6	
		Rs. 495.11
Total		Rs. 1640.15.3

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Dr. Tyrrell's allowance, 1881	Rs. 240	
Boat, Captain's pay 6 mos	36	
" Repairs	54.5	
" License, 1882	15	
Taxes on property	53.9.6	
Traveling expenses, Rev. Carlson	40	
" " " Schmidt	41	
" " " Artman and wife from Madras to Rajahmundry, 1880	120	
Rev. Schmidt, court fee and postage	10	
		Rs. 609.14.6

SUMMARY.

Mission Agents	Rs. 1230	$ 504 30
Schools	515.4.3	211 15
New Buildings	1145.4.3	469 55
Repairs	495.11	203 25
General Expenses	609.14.6	250 05
Salaries, three Missionaries, 6 mos		1,500 00
Total		$3,138 30

January to June, 1882.

REV. H. G. B. ARTMAN, *Treasurer.*

MISSION AGENTS.

Rev. H. C. Schmidt's Charge.

Evangelist, C. James, Salary	Rs. 90	
Colporteur, L. Jeremias, 2 months	16	
Teachers, V. Ratnam	60	
" B. Jacob	60	
" Venkayah	33	
" B. John	42	
" Matthew	42	
" Paradasy	40	
" Luke	26	
Traveling Expenses	11.12.2	
		Rs. 420.12.2

Rev. H. G. B. Artman's Charge.

Teachers, William	60	
" Alfred	48	
" Lorah	18	
" Amelia	18	
		Rs. 144

Rev. I. K. Poulsen's Charge.

Colporteur, Laksmeah, 5 months		Rs. 50	
Teachers, David,	5 "	27	
" Amelia,	5 "	25	
" Jacob,	$3\frac{1}{3}$ "	16.14	
" Venkatasamu,	3 "	14.8	
" Peter,	$3\frac{1}{4}$ "	22.10	
" John Francis,	3 "	21.11.3	
" Traveling Expenses		17.2	
			Rs. 194.13.3
Paid by Mrs. Carlson			20.
Balance			174.13.3

Rev. N. Paulus, Velpur District.

Rev. N. Paulus, Salary	Rs. 150	
Teachers, K. Michael	30	
" K. Prakasam	42	
" P. Peter	36	
" E. Johann	42	
" N. Stephen	42	
" P. Gnanaprakasham	36	
R. Nathaniel	27	
Helper, E. Zecharias	12	
Traveling Expenses	71.11	
		Rs. 488.11

Rev. T. Joseph, Jagurupad District.

Rev. T. Joseph, Salary	Rs. 150	
Teachers, M. William	36	
" M. Lazarus	36	
" N. Thomas	24	
" R. Prakasham	30	
" R. Johann	30	
Traveling Expenses	12.2	Rs. 318.2
Mission Agents, Total		Rs. 1566.6.5

SCHOOLS.

Anglo-Vernacular Day School.		
Books, slates, paper, &c	Rs. 18.5.5	
Boys' Boarding School.		
Cost of food, 6 months	141.3.4	
Clothing, quarterly allowance	15.2	
Girls' Boarding School.		
Cost of food, 6 months	143.8	
Clothing, quarterly allowance	11.8	
N. Charles William, School Fee, Books	29.12	
		Rs. 359.6.9

BUILDINGS.

New Buildings.

Peddahem School House	Rs. 221.6	
Boys' Boarding House	70.4	
Girls' " "	56.9	
Caste Girls' School House	57.15	
Riverdale, additional	66.8	
		472.10

Repairs.

Mission House and Schools at Samulcotta	267.0.10	
School House, Tallapudi	9	
" Muramunda	11.8	
" Jagurupad District	12	
" Rajahmundry	2.2	
Church, "	50	
Mission House, "	12.0.6	
Carlson's " "	6.4	
Burial Ground, "	2.2	
Materials	29	
Taxes on property	12.15.5	
		214.14.9
Total		Rs. 687.8.9

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Church Book, printing and binding 1,000 copies	Rs. 357.9	
Dr. Tyrrel's allowance, 3 months	60	
Boat, Captain's pay	42	
" Sail and ropes	33.3.3	
Watchman, Samulcotta, 1880	18.7	
Expenses of Church, Rajahmundry	1.8	
" " Samulcotta	2.4	
Rev. H. C. Schmidt, Traveling Expenses	15	
" H. G. B. Artman, "	20	
" I. K. Poulsen, "	72	
" " Correspondence	1.9.9	
		Rs. 623.9

Special Expense.

Mrs. Carlson's Passage to England	510	
" " America	236.4.11	
" Extra Baggage	33.3	
Rev. H. Jensen, Madras, for Rev. Carlson	500	
		Rs. 1279.7.11

SUMMARY.

Mission Agents	Rs. 1566.6.5	$657.88
Schools	359.6.9	150.94
Buildings and Repairs	687.8.9	288.76
General Expenses	623.9	261.98
Special "	1279.7.11	537.38
Salary, H. C. Schmidt, 6 months		500.00
H. G. B. Altman, 6 months		500.00
" I. K. Poulsen, absent 5 months	$425	
Prepaid	266	159.00
Total		$3,055.94

EXPENDITURES IN INDIA.

July to December, 1881	$3,138.30
January to July, 1882	3,055.94
Total	$6,194.24

CONTRIBUTIONS.

July to December, 1881.

Subscriptions.

Capt. C. Taylor, 1 year	Rs. 48	
Messrs. E. P. Metcalfe, 1 year	60	
Mr. W. Sconce, 1 year	24	
" Creswell, 3 months	15	
" Boileau, donation	20	
" J. B.	5	
Col. Beatty	10	
Major Raikes	5	
		Rs. 187
Rent for Rev. Carlson's house	107	
Repairs	41.8	
		148.8
Dr. Bilderbeck, rent		205
		Rs. 540.8

CONTRIBUTIONS.

January to July, 1882.

At English Services in Rajahm.

February 1881–June 1882	Rs. 59.13.3		
Paid former Treasurer	25.0.0		
" Church Expenses	10.4.0—	35.4.0	
Balance		———	Rs. 24.11.3

English Sunday School.

December, 1880–June, 1882	Rs. 51.3.6		
Paid former Treasurer	25.0		
Madras Bible Society	10.0		
Christmas Expenses	15.5.1		
Sunday School Cards	8		
	———	50.13.0	
Balance			Rs. 0.6.

Telugu Congregation and Sunday School.

February, 1881–June, 1882	Rs. 67.4.2		
Paid Sunday School Cards	4. 4.0		
" Church Expenses	2.10.0—	6.14.0	
Balance			Rs. 60. 6.
Total Balance			Rs. 84. 7.1
English residents and friends			129
Total Contributions			Rs. 213.11.10

ESTIMATE FOR YEAR—JULY 1882–JUNE 1883.

Salaries of three Missionaries in India	$3,000
Salary of Rev. Dietrich, 6 months	500
Buildings and Repairs as stated	1,000
Possible return of Rev. Schmidt and family	900
Mission Agents	1,500
Rajahmundry Schools	500
General Expenses	450
	$7,850

The report was received and adopted and 200 copies ordered to be printed in English and German and bound separately for the use of the Committee.

Resolved, That the Secretaries be instructed to give notice to our churches, through the Church papers, that copies of this report will be furnished on order, at the lowest possible price.

On motion the former Committee was re-appointed with the exception of Rev. R. F. Weidner and Mr. A. B. Lilja, who have removed from the seat of the Committee. Instead of these, Rev. C. G. Fischer and Mr. Andrew L. Telly were substituted.

The Committee, appointed to audit the Treasurer's account, presented the following Report:

Your Committee has examined the "*General Expense Account*" of the General Council and find the same correct with the exception that no credit has been given for $52 paid in October last by the New York Ministerium, and they recommend that the Treasurer be permitted to add this amount before publication. They also find that the "*Foreign Mission*," "*Missionsbote*," "*Foreign Missionary*" and "*Miscellaneous Accounts*" of the Treasurer, as presented to the General Council have been audited and found correct by John C. File, Rev. H. Grahn and Rev. F. Wischan, the Auditing Committee of the Foreign Mission Committee.

The *Miscellaneous Account* shows that the Treasurer has *received* and *paid out* the following special donations:

To Orphans' Home at Germantown	$101.71
Emigrant House, New York	35.02
Mission in Jerusalem	39.60
Mission in Hermannsburg	76.25
Orphans' Home at Bethlehem	55.40
Home Mission	31.00
Ward's Island	8.00
Gossner Mission	7.50
Jew Mission	.50

In the *Treasurer's hands* remain the following:

For *Indianer Mission*	$ 5.75
Emigrant Mission—Legacy from the late E. J. Deininger of Reading	250.00

W. A. Schmithenner,
W. Hauff,
Dr. A. Lange,
Committee.

Lancaster, Ohio, November 13th, 1882.

Resolved, That the audit of the Foreign Missionary account, made by a sub-committee of the Foreign Mission Committee, be accepted.

Resolved, That two-thirds of the traveling expenses of the delegate from the Texas Synod be paid by the Council.

Mr. L. L. Houpt presented

The Report of the Trustees of the Council.

The Trustees of the General Council respectfully report:

That at the meeting of the Board held in the city of Rochester, N. Y., October 24th, 1881, the seal, heretofore prepared in error by the General Council (see Minutes of 1879, pp. 28, 29) was adopted by the Trustees as the seal of this Corporation, and the President of the Corporation was designated as the proper custodian of the same.

At the same time the Committee of the Emigrant Mission was authorized in the name of the Corporation to make settlement with Rev. R. Neuman of the amount due him for services rendered, and if necessary, to make a loan of the amount required for such settlement; pledging the faith of the Corporation for the payment of amount so borrowed.

A legacy of $250 to the Castle Garden Lutheran Mission of New York has been received through the Executors of the estate of E. Jonathan Deininger, deceased, late of Reading, Pa. A release and refunding bond have been formally executed.

The term of service of three of the Trustees has expired, viz.: Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D., Geo. H. Moller, Lewis L. Houpt. Their places should be supplied.

Respectfully submitted.

A. Spaeth, *President.* Lewis L. Houpt, *Secretary.*

The report was adopted.

An election of three Trustees of Council was ordered. Messrs. H. Lehman and W. A. Schmithenner were appointed tellers.

Report on Emigrant House.

The Immigrant Mission Committee begs leave to submit herewith the annual reports, viz.:

(1) Report of the Missionary;
(2) Report of the Treasurer;

(3) Report of the Lutheran Emigrant House Association (in printed form in German only.)

With thanks to the Giver of all good we acknowledge that the Immigrant Mission has in the past year again enjoyed the confidence and assistance of the Church.

The Treasurer's Report shows:

Balance from last year	$ 162.33
Receipts during the year	1,409.55
	1,571.88
Expenditures during the year	1,245.51
Leaving a balance of	$ 326.37

In this balance are included $67 which have been sent in in response to an invitation issued by the New York Ministerium, for the special purpose of paying the debt due to Rev. Neuman.

It has been impossible for the Committee to borrow the amount necessary to pay this debt, as authorized by the General Council in last year's meeting, and this matter must necessarily remain for the further disposition of your venerable body.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee.

Signed, J. H. Baden, *Prest.*
W. Hauff, *Sec'y.*

Report of the Emigrant Missionary,

FROM OCTOBER 1881 TO OCTOBER 1882.

The increase in emigration during the past year has also correspondingly increased our labors and imposed upon us such heavy burdens that, but for the divine aid, we must have sunk under them.

Over 12,000 emigrants passed through our house, all of whom come more or less in contact with our mission. On the emigrants landing in Castle Garden we at once received them, distributed among them our tracts, the periodicals of our Church and other religious publications, and, in addition, gave them such advice and needful information as lay within our power. Such among the emigrants as had been especially directed to us were by our agents brought under the immediate protection of our house, where we had the best opportunity for carrying on our missionary work among them, and it required no small amount of labor, indeed, to comfort the sorrowing, to direct the erring, to protect those that were in danger and render assistance to the poor.

There, for instance, comes to us a young man with a highly polished exterior, smooth-tongued and very agreeable in his manners. He understands so well how to conceal his true character by simulating the virtues of the good, that he creates a very favorable impression. True, he has no papers of recommendation—he has lost them—he says. But about the same time we receive by mail a letter from his parents, by which we are informed that this same individual, so prepossessing in his appearance, is a very fast young man, that he has run away from home and that they would be very much obliged to us if we were to aid him in obtaining a position where he might earn what would enable him to return again to his home.

Another is honest enough to hand us a letter from his Pastor, in which he is described as a man of dissolute habits, who having exhausted the patience of even his parents, had been sent by them to this country in the hope that here perchance he might learn to lead a different life.

Still another, an idle vagabond who for years had depended for support upon his parents, till he had become too burdensome for them, was sent to this country with the view of throwing him upon his own resources, that he might learn how the bread of adversity tastes among strangers and how much a coat would be worth when it had to be earned with his own hands.

Now, with regard to all these, it may be said, they ought to have staid at home on the other side of the water. Very well; but as they did not, the question arises: "What is to be done with them after they are here?" I readily acknowledge that the burden which such men lay upon us is by no means a light one; still we must perform our Christian duty toward them.

Some, indeed, we succeed in leading into a better way, especially after they have been softened down by hard work. It is then that they become more accessible.

But we can also produce more gratifying examples. There, for instance, are a husband and wife, surrounded by quite a little flock of children with whom they fled to this country because they were unable to support them on the other side of the ocean. Here they intend with God's help to begin anew. The Lord hears their prayer. They are successful in finding a situation, which not only secures them against bodily want, but also brings them into connection with a truly Christian congregation, where they can enjoy the bless ings of a preached Gospel and the holy sacraments.

Here, again, comes another family with four half-grown and three infant children. They are entirely destitute. It is a time of stagnation in business and work is exceedingly scarce. But we try and try again, till at last, after a three-weeks' diligent search, we are able to send them to a factory where they find work and good wages.

One day a young girl comes to us. Her parents being dead, her relatives made up the money necessary to pay her fare across the ocean and sent her to this country. On her arrival she finds herself without money and without friends. We find a Christian family willing to adopt and treat her as their own child. She renders grateful praise to God, and says: "It is good to be here."

Among the many arrivals is a young man who from his parents received an excellent education, but who, in his own country, could meet with no opportunity to practice his profession. Therefore to better his condition he comes to this country. The testimonials he presents as well as his gentlemanly and modest appearance were sufficient to induce us to recommend him on the first opportunity that offered. He is now in a very desirable situation, manifests sincere gratitude to God and is found every Sunday in His house.

Again, a couple of strong and robust looking men, who are at the same time worthy members of our Lutheran Church, come to me for information. They wish to go to the far West, but lack the means necessary to defray the expenses of so long a journey. They say: Send us wherever we may have an opportunity of uniting with a true Lutheran church, served by a pious minister, for to seek the things that are above concerns us more than all else. I directed them to our dear brother S. of P., where they found both a temporal and spiritual home such as they desired.

Hundreds of people come with hearts trusting in God, and hands willing to work. This is apparent at first sight and all they need to find remunerative situations and comfortable homes is proper advice and right direction. And whilst giving these according to our ability, we at the same time use our best endeavors to induce them to at once connect themselves with one of our churches, not only by kind admonition but by also furnishing them with letters or cards of recommendation to the respective ministers within whose charges they may finally settle.

It has been to me a source of sincere gratification that the General Council has so kindly complied with our request touching the appointment of a Swedish Missionary. The result has been that

the Augustana Synod sent a very worthy brother who has already entered the field and begun to labor with the most gratifying results. Brother A. B. Lilja and myself sustain the most cordial relation to each other and are harmoniously laboring to promote the best interests of those coming to us from our respective fatherlands.

Our chapel has almost daily, during the whole year, been filled with devout hearers; and we cherish the hope that the familiar sound of our hymns of faith, as well as that of the Word of God, has not failed in making a lasting impression upon their hearts. Yea, we know by experience that the words of instruction, admonition and consolation here received have brought many a one of our pilgrims to resolve not to remain in this strange land a stranger to his God, but rather to cleave to Him and His Church with renewed devotion and increased fidelity. How much good we have thus far succeeded in accomplishing through our humble efforts is known to God only; still we receive many a cheering letter of acknowledgment from which it would appear that our work in the Lord has not been in vain. May He continue to aid us so that our Emigrant Mission may redown to His glory and the salvation of many souls among the thousands that annually land on our shores.

WM. BERKEMEIER,
Emigrant Missionary.

The report was adopted.

Treasurer's Report of the Emigrant Mission Committee of the General Council,

FROM OCTOBER 1, 1881, TO OCTOBER 1, 1882.

1881.			
Oct. 1.	To Balance for Emigrant Mission	$ 112 92	
"	" Poor Emigrants	49 41	
			162 33
	Receipts for Emigrant Mission.		
	Collections and donations (including $67 for old debt)	651 67	
	Received from Canada Synod	108 20	
	" " the Ev. Luth. Ministerium of the State of New York, &c	126 05	
	Collections through the "Missionsbote."	35 02	
			920 94
	Receipts for Poor Emigrants.		
	Collections and donations		488 61
	Total		$ 1,571 88

Disbursements.

Assistance—to Traveling Expenses to Mission Students and Sundries	$ 42 59	
Printing 25,000 tracts for distribution to Emigrants	87 50	
Salary of Missionary, W. Berkemeier, 1 year	600 00	
		730 09

For Poor Emigrants.

Assistance, meals and assistance to traveling		515 42
		$ 1,245 51

1882.

Oct. 1. To Balance for Emigrant Mission		$ 236 77	
" " " (old debt)		67 00	
" " Poor Emigrants		22 60	
			326 37
Total			$ 1,571 88

NEW YORK, Oct. 1, 1882.

Correct.

W. HAUFF,
W. A. SCHMITHENNER,
JOHAN MOLLER.

Report read and adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. M. J. Stirewalt.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Nov. 14, 9 A. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. G. H. Trabert. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

Dr. B. M. Schmucker presented the following:

Report of the Church Book Committee.

THE GERMAN CHURCH BOOK.

For the first time since the publication of the "Probedruck," Sherman & Co. have sent in a full account, with detailed statements extending over the whole period, from July, 1870, down to the present date, showing an indebtedness of this body to the firm of Sherman & Co. of $1,337.77. The full statement is submitted with this report.

During the past year 2,000 copies of the large size edition and the same number of the small size were printed. There are on

hand, at this day, 2,400 copies of the former and 100 of the latter, the value of which, amounting to $987.00, taken off from the $1,337.77, leaves an actual debt of $356.77.

The German Sunday School Book.

Of the German Sunday School Book, 2,500 copies have been printed during the past year, the premiums of which amount to $125.00, leaving an indebtedness to the publishers of $103.49.

Mr. Endlich has completed the musical alterations provided for by former resolution of the General Council, but they have not yet been made on the plates.

The edition of the German S. S. Book without music has not yet been made, as the Committee was waiting for suggestions from the brethren with reference to additions under the resolution of last year's convention.

The German Catechism.

The German edition of the Catechism, with Scripture texts, appeared in December, 1876. The cost of the plates was $137.56, one-half being paid by the Pilger Book Concern, the other half by Brobst, Diehl & Co. 4,000 have thus far been printed, the premiums, at a rate of one and one-half cents per copy, amounting to $60.00.

English Sunday School Book.

The sales of the Sunday School Book from October 1, 1881, to October 1, 1882, were 2,513 copies, the premium on which, at three cents, is $75.39; the sales of the Sunday School Book without music were 2,973 copies, the premium on which, at one and four-fifth cents, is $53.51. The account stands as follows:

Balance due October 1, 1880	$180 46
Premiums accrued	128 90
Due October 1, 1882	$309 36

This amount is now at the service of the Treasurer of the Council.

English Catechism.

The sales of the English Catechism, with Proof Passages, during the year, from October 1, 1881, to October 1, 1882, have been 1,008

copies, on which the premium of one and one-half cents is $15.12. The account stands thus:

Balance due October 1, 1881, on plates	$102 03
Premiums accrued	15 12
Balance due publishers October 1, 1882	$ 86 91

Orders for Ministerial Acts.

The Committee regret that they are not prepared to present the Orders for any of the Ministerial Acts in that completed form in which they should be submitted for your final action. They are, however, ready to present the Order for the Baptism of Infants in such shape, that the several parts shall be given in their order, reserving for the Committee as a whole the careful recension of the text.

They propose, also, to submit an outline of the History of Confirmation in the Lutheran Church, and to present the basis upon which they propose to rest the Order for that Rite.

They inquire whether, in the judgment of the General Council, they should have authority to have the Order for any Ministerial Act, when completed, printed for examination, trial and temporary use. It is our conviction that this would enable all members of the Council to form a more deliberate and intelligent decision with reference to them when final action is taken. We would also ask permission to have such printing done in the preparation of the Orders as is found of advantage. We propose that the Council request and approve that the Treasurer of the Ministerium of Penn'a should pay for such printing out of the profits of the Church Book.

The Committee appointed by the General Synod, South, to co-operate with our Committee with a view to securing one common Service Book, has expressed a desire to co-operate with us in the preparation of the Orders for Ministerial Acts. We have assured them of our readiness to comply with their wish, and of our gratification at their taking part.

The report was received.

Resolved, That so much of this report as refers to the account be adopted.

The remaining part of the report was taken up for consideration.

The outlines of the form for Infant Baptism were presented, with the statement that the Committee had taken, as the basis of the same, Luther's second Taufbuchlein, A. D. 1526.

The form was taken up, and its parts in their order considered and determined as follows:

1. An exhortation.
2. Signing with the cross, with an explanation added (permissive).
3. The first collect, and the second collect.
4. The words of the institution and of promise to be inserted.
5. The renunciation.
6. The Apostles' Creed.
7. Naming the child.
8. The act of baptism.
9. The collect of thanksgiving.
10. The invocation of peace.
11. The exhortation to those presenting the child.
12. The benediction.

The Committee was instructed to consider the question of adding a form exacting a promise from the sponsors to bring the child up in the Christian faith and life.

The tellers in the election of Trustees of the Council reported the election of the following persons: Rev. Dr. J. A. Seiss, Messrs. G. H. Moller and J. C. File.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. G. A. Wenzel.

NINTH SESSION.

Nov. 14, 1.30 P. M.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. P. J. Sward. The minutes were read and approved.

The subject of Home Missions was resumed.

The Committee appointed to confer with the German Home Mission Committee, reported as follows:

Committee on Conference with the German Home Missionary Committee of the General Council.

Two points in reference to the work of the German Home Missionary Committee were submitted to your Committee.

1. From whence has the Committee hitherto received candidates and students?

2. What does the Committee propose for the future to obtain and educate men?

I. The first students were sent by Pastor Welber, in Wurtemberg, in answer to the appeal issued on behalf of the Missionary Committee. Others came from Brecklum, out of the Institutions of Pastor Jensen, as also from Hermannsburg and the Institute of Mr. Ruhmer at Neusalz. Of these students 16 still remain under the care of the Committee in preparation for the ministry. Two of them are in the Iowa Synod College at Mendota, two in Thiel College, one with Rev. J. A. Darmstatter, three with Rev. G. A. Hinterleitner, one in another Seminary at his own expense, and six with Rev. J. A. Dewald, in New Brunswick, N. J. In addition to these, 5 laborers have already entered the ministry in the bounds of the Michigan Synod, and one in Canada.

Your Committee recommends that these students be further committed, for the completion of their studies, to the care of the German Committee.

II. (*a*) After full consideration of the claims of several Institutions, your Committee would recommend that of Rev. Paulsen, in Kropp, Schleswig, as in doctrinal position and in its aims most in accordance with our wants.

(*b*) Further, your Committee considers it proper that permission should be granted to the German Missionary Committee, at its discretion, to obtain men who are in sympathy with us in doctrine and spirit for immediate use in our missionary fields.

Resolved, That this Committee be instructed to consider whether the establishment of any additional institution or department in any existing institution in this country is necessary to meet the special wants of the Church.

(*c*) Finally, your Committee cannot recommend the immediate establishment of a Proseminar for want of the necessary means, nor to recommend the opening of a separate department in connection with any existing institution.

Respectfully submitted.

H. Gilbert, W. A. Schmithenner,
J. Brezing, Dr. A. Lange,
S. Klingman, W. Hauff.

The report was adopted.

Resolved, That the German Home Mission Committee be located in Philadelphia, Pa.

Resolved, That the English Home Mission Committee be located in Philadelphia, Pa.

Resolved, That the members of these Committees be nominated to the Council by a committee of one from each Synod.

The President appointed the following persons as such Committee: Revs. Dr. J. A. Seiss, W. F. Ulery, G. W. Mechling, S. Klingman, J. Brezing, E. Huber and M. J. Stirewalt, and Messrs. A. B. Lilja and W. Hauff.

Resolved, That those members of the German Home Mission Committee, who reside in New York City, be a sub-committee to care for our people on Ward's Island, and that that place be recommended by this Council to our Churches for support as a special mission field.

Resolved, That the President, German Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, together with the members of the Emigrant Mission Committee, be a special Committee to open correspondence with the Committee appointed by the Gerneral Conference of the Lutheran Church in Germany, for the purpose of securing the transfer of the emigrants, who are members of the Lutheran Church, into regular connection with our Churches in America.

Resolved, That the inquiry of the Augustana Synod in regard to the salary of the Swedish emigrant missionaries be referred to the Committee on the Emigrant Mission.

Resolved, That it be recommended to all our Churches through the Synods; that an annual collection be taken up in each for the support of the Emigrant Mission.

The paper, "Siloah," published by the German Home Mission Committee, was heartily recommended to our churches.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. R. F. Weidner.

TENTH SESSION.

Nov. 14, 7 P. M.

The devotional services were led by Rev. S. Klingman. The minutes were read and approved.

The consideration of the report of the Church Book Committee was resumed.

Resolved, That no change will be permitted in the form of the German Church Book.

The report as a whole was adopted,

Resolved, That the Church Book Committee have authority to publish the order of the morning service in separate form.

Resolved, That the same Committee be instructed to present to the Council, at its next convention, in manuscript in the English language, the Matin and Vesper services as found in the German Church Book.

The following Committees were elected:

The English Committee on Home Missions: Revs. Dr. G. F. Krotel, S. Laird, Dr. J. A. Seiss, F. J. F. Schantz, W. F. Ulery, and Messrs. W. W. Kurtz, Henry A. Baetes, Peter A. Keller, J. Jacob Mohr and Dr. L. K. Stein.

German Home Mission Committee: Revs. Dr. E. F. Moldehnke, J. C. J. Peterson, J. J. Kundig, F. W. Weiskotten, F. Wischan, and Messrs. J. Born, J. C. File, A. Bendel, F. A. Stohlmann and W. A. Schmithenner.

The Swedish Home Mission Committee: Revs. E. Carlsson, J. Wikstrand, V. Setterdahl, S. P. A. Lindahl, N. Nordgren, and Messrs. Gustav Johnson, A. P. Nelson, Samuel Hoogner, C. J. Samuelson, being the Central Mission Committee of the Augustana Synod.

The Emigrant Mission Committee: Revs. J. H. Baden, E. C. Lindberg, Leo Koenig, J. C. J. Peterson, and Messrs. John Moller, W. A. Schmithenner, L. F. I. Anger, H. Johansen and W. Hauff.

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of last year was read, received and considered by items:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of last Convention.

Your Committee, to whom were referred the Minutes of last Convention, beg leave respectfully to report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and find the following items claiming the attention of this body, to wit.:

1. On page 9 we find a resolution, made at a former Convention of the Council, recommending a day of fasting and prayer for each year, the particular day for such observance to be determined subsequently. Ash Wednesday was the day appointed last year. Is it understood that the same day shall be observed annually? Yes.

2. On page 10 we find that a Committee of five were appointed to prepare a memorial to the authorities of the Northern Pacific Railroad for the purpose of obtaining the donation of lots for churches, schools and parsonages for the benefit of Lutheran congregations at the principal stations of said road. Have the Committee attended to this duty, and what are the results?

3. On page 43 we find that the officers of the General Council were instructed to inquire whether there are any legal or practical difficulties in the way of a direct incorporation of the General Council and report at this Convention. Are they ready to report?

4. On page 61 we find that the Committee appointed to take charge of the German Home Mission work was instructed to consider whether any connection with educational institutions in Europe, or the establishment of any additional institutions or department in an existing Institution in this country, is necessary to meet the special wants of the Church. Has this duty been performed, and what is the answer of the Committee upon this subject?

5. On page 71 we find that authority for special purposes was given to the Church Book Committee, with reference to a condensed edition of the German Church Book, some improvement in the Sunday-school Book, and some alterations in the German Sunday school Book. Have they availed themselves of this authority and performed the work suggested?

6. On page 73 we find that a Committee was appointed to determine whether the publications ordered by this Council can be managed with greater profit to its financial results. Is that Committee ready to report?

Respectfully submitted.

S. L. HARKEY,
OTTO MEERWEIN,
W. F. ULERY,
JOHN H. EVANS,
JOSIAH KLINGENSMITH.

Item 1. It is a permanent appointment.

Item 2. The Committee is continued.

Item 3. No answer in the absence of W. H. Staake, Esq., Chairman of the Committee.

Item 4. Answered in the report of the proper Committee.

Item 5. Answered in the report of the Church Book Committee In this connection it was—

Resolved, That the Church Book Committee be instructed to publish a collection of Hymns for Infant Schools in separate form.

Item 6. The report is ready.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to have charge of the publications of the books belonging to the General Council.

This report was adopted as a whole, and the report of the Committee on Minutes of last year was adopted as a whole.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. G. A. Hinterleitner.

ELEVENTH SESSION.

Nov. 15, 8 A. M.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. J. C. J. Peterson. The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on the President's Report submitted the following:

Report of the Committee on the President's Report.

The annual report of the President presents the following points which are to be disposed of:

1. The Claim of Rev. Robert Neuman.

It has heretofore been established that the sum of $898 69, with interest, was due Mr. Neuman, and that the General Council should see to it that it was paid. Mr. Neuman has consented to receive the above sum in settlement of his claim, although maintaining that the sum actually due him is larger.

We propose that the Trustees be instructed to pay the amount stated out of any monies received, or which may be received by them by gift, legacy, or otherwise, for the benefit of mission work among the immigrants, and if such monies should not be sufficient, then out of any monies in the hands of the Treasurer of the General Council subject to the disposal of the Council, and that the Treasurer be instructed to honor their draft for this purpose.

We propose that should any money be drawn from the treasury for this purpose, other than such as has been received for the Mission among the immigrants, it shall be regarded as a loan to be hereafter repaid to the treasury out of monies received for such mission work.

2. Application for Reception.

The request of several Pastors in New Orleans to be received into connection with the General Council cannot be entertained

here, but may be made to any District Synod. The application for aid in their mission work should be referred to the Home Mission Committee.

3. Complaints Against Action of Synods.

The complaint of Rev. Geo. Turk against members of the Synod of Michigan cannot be entertained, because the modes of relief provided by the Constitution of that Synod have not yet been exhausted.

The appeal of Rev. C. A. Fritze against the action of the Pittsburgh Synod, which has been referred to the Committee, raises the question, whether, by his disregard of the sentence imposed by the Synod, Mr. Fritze does not divest himself of the right of appeal here. If so, the Council cannot entertain the appeal.

4. Invitations for the Next Convention.

Invitations have been presented from St. James' (Jacobus) Church, Philadelphia, through its pastor, Rev. F. W. Weiskotten; from St. Peter's Church, New York, through the pastor, Dr. E. F. Moldehnke; St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, through the pastor, Rev. F. Wischan; and the invitation given last year by St. John's German Church, Philadelphia, through Dr. A. Spaeth, has been renewed. The Committee regrets that only one of these hospitable invitations can be accepted.

Item 1. Was adopted and the amount named ordered to be paid.

Item 2. Was adopted.

Item 3. *Resolved,* That the complaint cannot be entertained under any of the provisions of the Constitution of the General Council.

Item 4. Several congregations having invited the Council to meet in their midst next year, it was—

Resolved, That the next Convention of the Council be held in St. Peter's German Evangelical Lutheran Church in New York City, October 18, 1883.

The report as a whole was adopted.

The Committee on the Minutes of District Synods reported as follows:

Report of the Committee on the Minutes of District Synods.

The Committee would respectfully state that the Minutes of District Synods were examined, and the following general report is hereby presented:

1. The Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

The annual meeting of the Ministerium was held at Philadelphia, Pa., June 1st–7th, 1882. The Synod numbers 210 ministers, of whom 182 were present. There were also 110 lay delegates in attendance. The Ministerium consists of 396 congregations, with a membership of 90,426. During the year $17,870 66 were contributed by the congregations for the general benevolent work of the Church, of which $6,599 75 were appropriated to Home Missions, and $2,717 03 to Foreign Missions. In addition to the Home Mission work in its own territories, the Executive Committee of the Ministerium aided the Missions in Chicago, and in Nebraska and Texas. In order to carry forward the great work of Home Missions, a special Committee was appointed by the Executive Committee to confer at this meeting with the Home Missionary Committees of the General Council, in order to propose a mode of co-operation of the Executive Committee of the Ministerium with the Home Mission work of the General Council, and aid in raising funds for such work.

During the year 32 young men have received aid from the funds of the Ministerium, at an expense of $4,005 05. In addition to these sums, nearly $9,000 were contributed to the Orphan's Home and Asylum. The published proceedings show an increased interest in all the benevolent work of the churches.

The next annual meeting will be held at Norristown, Pa., beginning on Thursday before Trinity Sunday, May 17th, 1883.

2. The Ministerium of New York.

The annual session of this Synod was held in the German Lutheran (Zion's) congregation at Rochester, N. Y., from the 15th to the 20th of June, 1882. This Synod is composed of 74 pastors, 66 congregations, with 15 congregations not yet in Synodical connection. There are 21,291 communicants; 73 Sunday-schools, with 1,224 teachers and 12,178 scholars; 28 parochial schools, with 1,932 scholars, in charge of 46 teachers and 5 pastors.

The receipts were nearly $1,000 more than the previous year—namely, $3,309.52. Nine congregations received support and 3 candidates from the Theological Seminary in Philadelphia were ordained.

The "Minister's Aid Fund," as it hitherto existed, was exhausted. A constitution of a new "Minister's Aid Fund" was adopted upon the principle of voluntary Christian charity.

The constitution for congregations, drawn up by the General Council, was recommended to all congregations, the principles contained therein being truly Churchly and Lutheran.

The consideration of the new Synodical Constitution was continued, and a new paragraph adopted which does not allow pastors or congregations to participate in official acts of such Synods, as are not in connection with the General Council, without the consent of the President of the Synod.

A Committee was appointed to present a plan for the organization of Young Men's Christian Associations.

A plan for systematic benevolence was adopted.

The principles, according to which members of German Lutheran congregations should receive their honorable dismissal to English Lutheran congregations, were discussed.

Work was successfully begun in some new fields, and the work of Home Missions was again urged upon the Conferences. The Ward's Island Mission was taken into special consideration by the Synod.

It might be added that this Synod has paid $67 to the Treasurer for the purpose of meeting the claims of Rev. Neuman.

The next convention will be held on the 31st of May, 1883.

3. The Synod of Pittsburgh.

The fortieth convention of this Synod showed that it is fully awake to the demands of the time. The great and universal want of ministers is deeply realized. At the same time, the earnest efforts that have been put forth in the prosecution of the work of education are beginning to show very gratifying results. Of the seventy-seven ministers on the roll, nearly one-fourth have received their preparatory training in Thiel College. The Synod realizes more and more that, for the successful cultivation of the many important mission fields within and west of its boundary, it must depend mainly on men born and reared on the territory to be occupied. The education work is, therefore, being prosecuted more vigorously than ever. Earnest efforts are being made for the better endowment and equipment of Thiel College. About eighteen thousand dollars were secured for this object during the past year. During the coming year, as the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther, it is proposed to complete the endowment of the German Professorship, to endow a new professorship to be known as "The Martin Luther Professorship," and to erect another building to be called "Concordia Hall."

Nine beneficiaries are being aided by the Synod. Two missions were made self-sustaining, and two new ones received on the funds of Synod. Twenty-seven hundred and twenty-seven dollars were appropriated for Home Mission purposes.

During the last convention two forenoons were devoted to doctrinal discussion. Two ministers were deposed for immorality. Preliminary steps were taken towards the formation of a Minister's Relief Association. An interesting programme, "for the befitting celebration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of Martin Luther," was adopted. On every hand there are encouraging evidences of growth in membership, in zeal and liberality.

4. The District Synod of Ohio.

The twenty-sixth convention of this body was held in Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ellerton, Montgomery Co., Ohio, Sept. 20th–24th, 1882. It numbers 34 Pastors, 7 of whom serve missions and 4 are aged ministers without charges. The whole number of congregations is 69, with a communicant membership of 7,220. Only one charge and one mission are reported vacant. The Sunday-schools number 47, with 4,016 pupils, and 442 officers and teachers.

This Synod supports four young men in their preparation for the ministry—three in the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, and one at Thiel College. It has expended in the support of its missions and beneficiaries during the past year $1,897 70.

This Synod has but few large or wealthy pastorates, and during the past year two of these located in Pennsylvania were transferred to the Pittsburgh Synod, thus reducing both its membership and its resources, yet, with commendable zeal, it has not lessened, but rather increased, the sphere of its work. It has established two new missions and received one additional student.

5. The Synod of Michigan.

This body held its recent convention from 24th–27th of Sept., at Sebewaing, Huron Co., the old seat of the Synod's missionary operations among the Chippewas. Five Pastors and two teachers were admitted to membership, making the present number of ministers 28, and of congregations 41, with 5,603 communicants. A Traveling Missionary in the person of Rev. Menke has been appointed and placed at Winsor, Huron Co. The work of exploration is now to be vigorously prosecuted, four new fields of labor

being laid out. The expenses of this work are covered by a collection of $800. A new church at Tawas City has been dedicated.

The next convention will be held in the early part of October, 1883, in Salem Church at Scio, Washtenaw Co., Rev. G. Klingman, Pastor. This will be an occasion of special interest to the Synod and to the congregation. It will then be fifty years since the venerable Rev. F. Schmid preached the first Lutheran sermon in Michigan, and fifty years since the old log house in which the congregation at first worshiped was built.

A resolution has been passed by the Synod, requesting that the General Council publish an "Agende" as soon as possible. The Synod also requests that the General Council, as soon as possible, send out one or two additional missionaries to the Telugu Mission field in India.

6. Swedish Augustana Synod.

This Synod held its twenty-third annual convention in the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church of Altona, Knox Co., Ills, June 15th to 22d, 1882. It numbers 156 pastors, 364 congregations, 45,997 communicants, with a baptized membership of 80,617. The number of church edifices is 242, and parsonages 117. The Synod maintains within its bounds 255 Sunday-schools and 159 Parochial Schools.

During the year Augustana College and Theological Seminary, at Rock Island, Ills., was attended by 157 students—25 being in the Seminary and 132 in the College and Preparatory Department; 62 students have been supported as beneficiaries at this institution, and the expenses for the College and Seminary for the year were $39,621 92, including the cost of maintenance of beneficiary students. The College has sustained a great loss in the death of Rev. Prof. H. Reck, who for ten years was a faithful worker in the institution. The Augustana Synod has taken a new departure with reference to the theological training of its candidates for the ministry. In the future instruction will also be given in the Theological Seminary in the English language, and an English Professor of Exegesis and Dogmatics has been called. Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn., under the care of the Minnesota Conference, has had an attendance of 130 students, and the running expenses of the institution amounted to $15,000. Bethany Academy has also been established during the year at Lindsbory, Kansas, and was opened with an attendance of 65 students.

The four Orphan Homes within the Synod are in a prosperous condition, and have not only afforded provision for the temporal and spiritual interests of the orphans in the churches of the Synod, but in these years of immense immigration they have also been the asylums of refuge for a large number of the children of these strangers left destitute by the death of their parents. For three of these institutions the expenses for the year have been $10,409 21. The statistics of the Orphan Home at Stanton, Iowa, are not at hand. During the year a hospital has been erected at St. Paul, Minn., and over $4,000 have been contributed to it by the Minnesota Conference. It is already doing a great and good work in relieving the destitute and the sick. The Illinois Conference has already begun to collect money for a hospital to be established at Chicago.

During the year $6,519 61 have been contributed by the five Conferences for Home Missions. The Central Mission Committee of the Synod has expended for missionary work in Castle Garden, New York, and in the far West, especially Utah and on the Pacific Coast, $3,732. For Foreign Missions $1,966 63 have been contributed.

At no time in the history of the Synod has the mission work of the Church so deeply engrossed the thoughts, prayers and efforts of the churches. The tide of immigration is continually increasing, and the demand for the preaching of the gospel cannot be supplied. To say nothing of the vast fields still unoccupied, there are at present over 140 established congregations waiting for Pastors. In addition to this, a new department of work of immense importance for the future opens up before the Synod and demands immediate attention. English churches must be established in immediate connection with the congregations scattered over the vast territories occupied by this Synod, especially in the States of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, and still further West. The very life of our Church depends upon the ingathering of the rising generation into such organizations, which in course of time will inevitably take the place of the mother churches. But the Augustana Synod, with the immense demands which are made upon its resources to provide for the interests of the Swedes already here, and the multitudes that are constantly coming from the Fatherland to swell their numbers, is entirely unable to meet the requirements of this new and most pressing work without assistance accorded to it by the other churches in connection with the General Council. The

Augustana Synod considers the establishment of English congregations, into which the Americanized children of its churches can be gathered, of such great necessity that it has instructed its delegation to bring this matter to the special and serious consideration of this honorable body. They come with a double petition.

(1) Requesting that the English Committee on Home Missions assist them in carrying on this department of their work of establishing English churches in those cities where there are large Swedish congregations; and (2) asking for an interpretation of the following section of the plan for mission work adopted by this body for the direction of its Executive Committee on Home Missions, viz.: "This Committee shall not establish or have control of missions within the territory of a Synod in regular connection with the General Council, except in co-operation with and through the agency of the Executive Committee of Missions of such Synod, or with its consent."

The Augustana Synod holds that English churches formed of membership coming from Swedish congregations shall be in connection with the Swedish Augustana Synod and shall be under its care, and desires to know whether this interpretation is correct.

According to a resolution adopted at the last convention of the General Council, the Emigrant Mission Committee was authorized to act in connection with the Central Mission Committee of the Augustana Synod in securing the services of a Swedish missionary to co-operate with Rev. W. Berkemeier in his mission work among the immigrants arriving at the port of New York. Mr. Axel B. Lilja has been appointed for this purpose, and also to assist in the work of the Emigrant House, and the Augustana Synod wishes to know what arrangement shall be made for the payment of his salary.

(3) The Synod also passed the following resolution: "*Whereas*, only a minority of the members of the Synod can understand the German language, the delegates be instructed most respectfully to request that all the deliberations and discussions of the General Council be held in the English language."

The Synod will hold its next annual meeting at Red Wing, Minn., beginning on the 14th of June, 1883.

7. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada.

The twenty-second annual meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada was held June 21st to 26th in Berlin, Waterloo

Co., Ontario. This body numbers 26 pastors and 65 congregations, 8 of which received aid from the missionary treasury of Synod. One congregation withdrew because of resolutions against secret societyism adopted by Synod. The Treasurer reports having received the gratifying sum of $1,287 22, which was appropriated to Home, Foreign and Emigrant Missions, to Education, Orphan Institutions and to other benevolent operations. In reference to an annual Fast Day recommended by the General Council, Synod resolved to retain the customary 10th Sunday after Trinity for this purpose. It also resolved to co-operate in future with the German Home Mission Committee of the General Council and to aid in advancing the interests represented by it. Finally, it resolved to extend needed aid to the faithful Synodical missionary of former years, the beloved Rev. L. H. Geondt, and for this purpose to take up collections in all our congregations, with which resolution many Pastors have already complied.

8. The Texas Synod.

The German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas numbers at present 30 pastors, 33 congregations, 19 missions and 5,400 communicants. The Synod is chiefly engaged in mission work, its efforts are mainly those of pioneers in the great Texan vineyard, and to the praise of God we are able to report that, in spite of manifold difficulties and misrepresentations on every side, encouraging progress has been made. The members of Synod have labored with zeal and self-denial, and their labor has not been in vain. Two churches have been erected and dedicated to the Triune God, several new congregations have been organized and a number of new missions in new settlements started and fostered. Four additional laborers have been called to the work. The work of Pastors in the schools is of eminent importance in the upbuilding of congregations and the nurture of His kingdom among the young. With five exceptions, every Lutheran church has its parochial school taught, or at least superintended, by the Pastor. Nearly all these schools partake of a public character for two or three months of the year, and are free schools as long as paid for by the State. During the remaining five or six months they are purely private schools, in which the German language, Christian morals and Lutheran doctrine are inculcated. But even during the time they are so-called free schools, they lose little of their Christian character, as the present State laws are very favorable to

parochial schools, and the trustees who have charge of them are generally church members. Several congregations have recently showed their willingness to employ Christian teachers for their schools, thereby giving their Pastors more time to gather the scattered members of our Church, for the harvest truly is great, but few the laborers and few the means to carry on successfully the work of Home Mission in this great State.

Besides the contributions of Synod for Home and Foreign Missions, a new congregation in the city of Brenham has been supported and half the salary for a Traveling Missionary promised. After long and patient efforts to procure a suitable man for this important work, we are glad to announce that the Rev. H. Merz, our present president, has accepted the call of the General Council's German Home Mission Committee to become Traveling Missionary for East Texas. A second missionary for the Western portion of this great State is of equal importance, for it cannot be doubted that the combined effort of several faithful laborers, under the careful supervision of the German Home Mission Committee, would yield blessed results in the growth and prosperity of our Church in this State—the number of communicants could be doubled in a few years. We have the people, but lack the men and means to gather and minister to the scattered children of our faith. We therefore continue to urge the friends of the Church to help us in the future, for however willing to do all in our power, it is utterly impossible for our poor, feeble congregations to raise sufficient means to carry on this extensive work. May the great Head of the Church send faithful laborers to His Texas vineyard, is the earnest prayer of Synod.

The next Synodical session will be held the 3d Sunday after Easter, 1883, in the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Fayettsville, Fayette Co., Texas.

9. Indiana Synod.

The minutes of this body show that it met in the last annual Convention in Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, New Augusta Ind., on May 31st to June 3d, 1882.

It is twelve years old, and numbers 12 ministers and 27 congregations. Its parochial report shows a communing membership of 1,901. Its Treasurer's report shows receipts, $703 01 ; expenditures, $146 51 ; the appropriations for mission and other purposes about $400. From the minutes of this Synod it further appears that it is earnestly engaged in looking after the interests of that part of the Church entrusted to its care.

10. The Holston Synod.

This Synod held its twenty-first convention in St. James' Church, Greene Co., Tenn., Aug. 18th to 21st, 1882. It numbers 13 ministers, having in charge 28 congregations, with a membership 1,944. The President of this Synod sends his regrets that he cannot be in attendance at this meeting of the General Council, but from the published minutes we learn that the Synod, as far as possible, is carrying on its work of missions and of education.

11. German Synod of Iowa.

The fifteenth convention of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Iowa was held from June 15th to 22d at Dubuque, Iowa.

The doctrinal discussion which formed a prominent part of the Synodical proceedings had reference to the present controversy on predestination, and were held on the basis of seven theses, six of which were unanimously adopted and published as a renewed testimony against the doctrine of Missouri on this point. The consideration of the seventh was postponed to a later convention. It was also resolved to publish a tract which was submitted to the Synod, in which the controversy is treated in a popular form for the instruction and as a warning to the congregations. Other subjects for Synodical action were the work of traveling missionaries in the West, the Emigrant Mission, the synodical institutions at Mendota and Waverly, the propositions of the Executive Committee, the church paper of the Synod, the support of Ministers' widows, and the Book Concern within the Synod. At the time of the meeting the Iowa Synod numbered 156 ministers. The amount of contributions for the different objects from June 1879 to June 1881 is $20,577.83. Time and place of next session Toledo, O., 1885.

With reference to the petitions, questions and resolutions of the Augustana Synod, your Committee proposes the following action:

Resolved, That the English Home Mission Committee be instructed to act in accordance with their request and assist them in establishing English churches.

Resolved, That the conception of the section of the By Laws for the Executive Committee on Home Missions quoted in their report is the correct one; and,

Resolved, Whereas, the request of the Augustana Synod with reference to the question of language involves a change in the Constitution of the General Council (See Art. 1, Sec. 3), "The languages in general use in its congregations shall have equal rights,"

this body cannot consider this subject, otherwise than in the way prescribed for proposed alterations of the Constitution.

Respectfully submitted.

R. F. Weidner, S. P. A. Lindahl,
J. C. J. Peterson., J. Brezing,
G. H. Gerberding, E. Huber,
J. H. Hunton, M. J. Stirewalt,
S. Klingmann, Sig. Fritschel.

Resolved, That the request of the Augustana Synod for aid in establishing English churches on its territory be referred to the English Home Mission Committee.

Resolved, That the question of the Augustana Synod in regard to the Synodical connection of the missions established by the Mission Committees of this Council is clearly determined by the By Laws as amended at the present session, to which the Synod is referred.

Rasolved, That the request made by the same Synod, that all the deliberations of this Council shall be conducted in the English language could be granted only by a change in the constitution of this body.

On motion, the Report as a whole, was adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee on Publication shall have no authority to make any agreement permanently binding on this Council without its previous consent.

The following brethren were appointed as a Committee to have charge of the publications of this Council. Revs. F. Wischan, F. W. Weiskotten, and Mr. J. C. File.

The Committee on the preparation of a collection of Infant School Hymns consists of Revs. J. D. Ohl, J. J. Buermeyer, T. Heilig, M. H. Richards, W. K. Frick, and Prof. C. F. Herman.

Resolved, That the appeal of C. A. Fritze from the action in his case cannot be considered in his absence from this convention.

Resolved, That the Secretaries be instructed to have a sufficient number of the minutes of this convention published in English and in German.

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs be appointed to fill the place in the Church Book Committee made vacant by the death of Rev. A. T. Geissenhainer.

Resolved, That the President of this Council in connection with Rev. E. F. Moldehnke be appointed to prepare and publish a subject for a doctrinal discussion at the next convention.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council are hereby tendered to the Pastor and members of St. Peter's Church and to other friends in Lancaster who have kindly entertained the Council during its present session.

Adjournment.

The Council adjourned after singing from hymn 274.

EDMUND BELFOUR,
English Recording Secretary.

APPENDIX.

SERMONS AND ADDRESSES.

Thursday forenoon, opening sermon, Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D.

Thursday evening, addresses on Home Missions by Revs. J. Brezing and G. H. Trabert.

Friday evening, addresses on the Life of Luther, by Revs. S. Fritschel, D. D., and B. M. Schmucker, D. D.

Saturday evening, addresses on Foreign Missions, by Revs. S. Klingman, and S. Laird.

Sunday forenoon, sermon by Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D.

Sunday afternoon, addresses before the Sunday School by Revs. A. Spaeth, D. D., and J. F. J. Schantz, and Mr. L. L. Houpt.

Sunday evening, sermon by Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D.

Sunday, sermon by Rev. G. H. Trabert in Emanuel's Church, and in Trinity Church by Rev. G. H. Gerberding.

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The Sixteenth Convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America was held in St. Peter's German Evangelical Lutheran Church in New York, Rev. Dr. E. Moldehnke, pastor. It was opened with divine services on Thursday, October 18th, 1883, at 10:30 o'clock A. M. The sermon was preached by the President, Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth, in the German language, and the Holy Communion was administered.

FIRST SESSION.

ROLL OF THE COUNCIL.

I. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA AND ADJACENT STATES.

Ministers.	Lay Delegates.
Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D.,	Mr. W. H. Staake, Esq.,
" B. M. Schmucker, D. D.,	" A. W. Potteiger,
" J. Fry, D. D.,	" P. A. Keller,
" A. Spaeth, D. D.,	" H. Lehman,
" G. F. Krotel, D. D.,	" T. H. Diehl,
" F. J. F. Schantz,	" W. Hauff,
" F. Wischan,	" J. Born,
" J. J. Kuendig,	" J. A. Geissenhainer,
" W. J. Mann, D. D.,	" J. B. Zimmele,
" H. E. Jacobs, D. D.,	" C. D. Colladay,
" S. Laird,	" G. W. Boas,
" G. H. Hinterleitner,	Hon. J. F. Miller.
" B. Sadtler, D. D.,	
" F. W. Weiskotten,	
" H. Grahn,	
" B. W. Schmauck.	

II. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM OF NEW YORK AND ADJACENT STATES AND COUNTRIES.

Ministers.	Lay Delegates.
Rev. J. H. Baden,	Mr. A. Stohlman,
" L. Koenig,	" W. A. Schmitthenner,
" P. Krug,	" H. E. Sachman,
" E. Moldehnke,	" N. Conrad,
" J. C. J. Petersen,	" J. H. Salzman,
" A. Richter,	" G. A. Leicht,
" J. F. Flath.	" E. Conrades.

III. PITTSBURGH SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Rev. Edmund Belfour,	Mr. J. Klingensmith,
" W. A. Passavant, D. D.,	" A. Hirtzel,
" G. A. Wenzel,	" J. Whitesell,
" H. Gilbert,	" O. Sager.
" D. M. Kemerer,	
" J. A. Kunkelman, D. D.,	
" J. B. Fox.	

IV. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO

Rev. G. W. Mechling,
" J. H. Hunton.

V. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF MICHIGAN.

Rev. S. Klingman,
" J. Raible.

VI. SCANDINAVIAN AUGUSTANA SYNOD. (Swedish.)

Rev. C. E. Lindberg,	Mr. A. B. Lilja,
" A. Rodell,	" Andrew Peterson,
" C. J. Petri,	" H. Gunther,
" M. Englund,	" H. Johansen.
" G. H. Trabert,	
" R. F. Weidner.	

VII. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CANADA

Rev. F. Veit,	Mr. H. Van der Smissen,
" J. Brezing.	" J. P. Wagner.

VIII. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF TEXAS.

Ministers. Lay Delegates.

No delegates present.

IX. INDIANA SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Rev. S. Wagenhals.

X. HOLSTAN SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

No delegate present.

Synods with the Privilege of Debate.

I. GERMAN SYNOD OF IOWA.

Rev. S. Fritschel, D. D.

II. NORWEGIAN AUGUSTANA SYNOD

No delegate present.

Visiting Ministers.

The names of the following ministers, "who are with this Body in the unity of the faith as defined in its Fundamental Principles," were handed to the Secretaries :

Rev. L. H. Gernett,
" A. Stuckert,
" J. J. Heischman,
" C. G. Fischer,
" J. A. Dewald,
" F. F. Buermeyer,
" J. F. Ohl,
" J. A. Sheffer,
Rev. H. I. Schmidt, D. D.,
" H. Raegner,
" J. H. Sommer,
" G. C. F. Haas,
" A. H. Waters,
" H. B. Strodach,
" F. W. Oswald,
" W. Rieb.

The President presented his annual report as follows :

Report of the President.

Fathers and Brethren : Allow me, at the beginning of this sixteenth convention of the General Council, to submit a short report on my correspondence as your presiding officer during the past year.

1. Several letters were received from Rev. Geo. Turk, bearing the date of December 12th, 1882 ; January 11th, 1883, and February 12th, 1883, with reference to the action of the General Council in his case. I submit the letters without further suggestion.

2. A paper from Vandalia, Ill., dated October 4th, 1883, signed by several ladies of St. James' Evangelical Lutheran Church, and accompanied by a letter from Rev. R. E. McDaniel, pastor of said Church, respectfully asks the General Council "at its present session in New York City, to take such steps, and order such measures, as will insure the speedy organization of the women of the church in societies, whose object shall be the cause of Missions." Rules of government and certificates of membership in such societies are also submitted for the consideration of this Body.

3. Your President, as well as the German Corresponding Secretary, has entered into correspondence with a number of prominent Lutheran ministers in Germany concerning the best measures for the spiritual care of immigrants and the continuance of their connection with the Church of their fathers. We rejoice to see that considerable attention is given to this important subject in the fatherland, and many immigrants carry with them a regular letter of dismissal and recommendation from their pastor at home to the Church in America.

4. A letter from the President of the Texas Synod, addressed to our German Secretary, asks that on account of the great distance of our place of meeting the Texas Synod be excused from sending a delegate to this Convention.

5. The last Convention of the General Council appointed the President, together with Dr. Moldehnke, a Committee to select and prepare a suitable object for the doctrinal discussion at the present meeting of the Body. As Dr. Moldehnke was absent in Europe during the last six months, he left the matter in my hands. I consulted with Rev. Dr. Jacobs, and at his suggestion Luther's Ninety-Five Theses of 1517 are proposed as the subject for our doctrinal discussion. In this year of the Lutheran Jubilee, it was thought that the presentation and consideration of those Theses would prove of particular interest, affording, as they do, an insight into the history of Luther's own theological development, as well as into the history of the Reformation. The Theses are presented in the Latin original, together with an English translation.

6. As we meet in the metropolis of this great Western Continent, the whole world around us resounding with the joyous strains of the four hundreth anniversary of the birth of the humble miner's son, Martin Luther, there is much to make us, as Lutherans, rejoice in this general recognition of the great man, whom, above all uninspired men, we acknowledge and follow as our teacher and guide. And we hope the prominence given to Luther at the

present time, may become the means of leading many to a fuller appreciation of the true position of this prophet and apostle of the last time, and that thus this jubilee year may result in great blessings to many within our Church and outside of it.

7. At the same time, in the midst of our rejoicing, we cannot forget the sad fact that our Lutheran Church in this western world, where such a great and responsible work is committed to her, still presents a melancholy picture of a house divided against itself. And how can we suppress the wish that this jubilee year may not pass away without an earnest effort to bring about a better understanding, if not an organic union, between such Lutherans as claim to be one in the unreserved acceptance of the Confessions of the Church, and have declared their approval of the doctrinal basis of the General Council.

8. I cannot close this report without referring to the great loss, which in God's mysterious providence, has befallen our General Council during the past year. On the second day of January, the Rev. Charles Porterfield Krauth, D. D., LL. D., fell asleep in Jesus. This General Council, as a union of Synods on a truly Lutheran basis owes its very existence, in a great measure, to the battles fought and the impulses given by his mighty pen. And throughout the history of this Body, particularly during the ten years of his presidency, he used his vast learning and his extraordinary gifts to build it up on that solid foundation, and to strengthen and develop sound and consistent Lutheranism in our churches. On the very threshold of this year of jubilee, which was to have given us his biography of Luther—the standard work in the English language on the great Reformer, the Lord has called him home to the general assembly of the saints above. His memory will forever be sacred in the General Council. Though being dead he yet speaketh, and his testimony for the truth and preciousness of the confession of our fathers will abide with us and bring forth its fruits in due season.

May the grace of our Lord and Redeemer be with us in our Convention, and make us willing and able to serve Him in His kingdom with all our gifts to the glory of his name, and for the salvation of immortal souls. Amen. A. Spaeth.

Philadelphia, Oct. 17th, 1883.

The report was referred to a Committee consisting of Revs. B. M. Schmucher, D. D., G. W. Mechling, and H. E. Jacobs, D. D., and Messrs. W. Hauf and T. H. Diehl.

The election of officers was ordered, and Revs. J. Brezing, and B. M. Schmauck, and Mr. H. Lehman were appointed tellers. It resulted in the re-election of all the former incumbents, as follows:

President	Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D.,
English Recording Secretary	" Edmund Belfour.
German Recording Secretary	" F. W. Weiskotten.
German Corresponding Secretary	" S. Klingman.
English Corresponding Secretary	" B. M. Schmucker, D. D.
Swedish Corresponding Secretary	" O. Olson.
Treasurer	W. H. Staake, Esq.

An invitation was received and accepted to visit the Emigrant House on Saturday afternoon at 6 o'clock. A like invitation was received from the Commissioners of Immigration to visit Castle Garden on the same afternoon; and 4 o'clock was designated as the time when the Body will avail itself of this pleasure.

Rev. Dr. Moldehnke invited the Council to meet the members of his congregation in the church on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock for social intercourse. The invitation was accepted.

The duration of the sessions was determined as follows: from 9 A. M. to 12 M., and from 2.30 to 5 P. M.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was presented by Rev. Dr. B. M. Schmucker.

Annual Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

July, 1882, to June, 1883.

The Lord has greatly prospered the work of our Mission in India during the past year, and has graciously prolonged the lives of all the laborers. The number of those gathered into the fold of the Good Shepherd exceeds that of any former year.

RETURN OF REV. H. C. SCHMIDT.

After nearly thirteen years of continuous labor in India, relieved but once by a visit to a sanitary station in the mountains, the health of Missionary Schmidt has become so much depressed as to allow of no longer delay in his return to a colder climate. Indeed it would have been much better had he come home earlier, but the demands of the mission work and the fewness of the laborers made him unwilling to leave until the necessity became imperative. August 4, 1870, he reached the mission and he left it March 27,

1883. He sailed April 5 from Madras on a steamer of the French Messageries for Naples. He tarried for a few weeks at Toulon, in Southern France, with his old friends, Dr. Bilderbeck and family, and at Lausanne, in Switzerland so as to undergo the change of climate gradually, and arrived in June at his own old home in Schleswig. He has settled at Gjelsted, in Denmark, the home of Mrs. Schmidt. Immediately on his arrival he was overwhelmed with invitations to Missionary festivals on every side, but was not strong enough to accept many of them. He will not be able to come to this country before next year, when we hope he will be so restored as to spend the summer here.

ARRIVAL OF REV. F. S. DIETRICH.

Rev. Mr. Dietrich arrived at Rajahmundry Jan. 2, 1883. The first year of a Missionary in India is devoted chiefly to the acquisition of the language of the natives. But in addition to this duty, Mr. Dietrich has regularly preached at the English services and assisted Mr. Artman in the English department of the schools and in the instruction of the class of Brahmins. His health has remained unusally good during the first hot season.

FUTURE MISSIONARIES.

Mr. Frederick MacCready will complete his studies in the Theological Seminary in June, 1884, and expects, after his ordination, to go out to India as Missionary. As he is a native of India and familiar with the Telugu, he will be able at once to enter on labor there.

Your Committee will be constrained by the earnest appeals of our Missionaries, and the demands of Zenana work among the women, to consider the question of sending out one or more female Missionaries. The wives of our Missionaries are scarcely less necessary and useful in mission work than their husbands, having access to many places and persons to which a man cannot come. Their domestic duties leave them so little time that the sending out of persons not so occupied, has been found of great service and claims our serious consideration and decision.

NEW CENTRES OF MISSIONARY LABOR.

1. *Samulcotta*, 20 miles N. E. of Rajamundry. Many years ago there was a Mission house and resident Missionary located at this place by the North German Missionary Society, and the property

was transferred to us. Shortly before Mr. Carlson's death he occupied this station, and on the return of Mr. Poulsen to India he was sent there. The work has so prospered and the field of labor northward is so promising, that an earnest appeal is made for the establishment of enlarged schools here. We have delayed action because our present location is unfavorable, and another place will probably have to be selected on which to erect necessary buildings. We thought it unwise to enlarge our expenditures at a place which had perhaps better be abandoned for another more conveniently located.

2. *Dowlaishwaram*, five miles below Rajahmundry, on the river Godavery. If Mr. Carlson had not been removed by death from Samulcotta, it was decided that Mr. Poulsen should be located at Dowlaishwaram, a large place of much importance. The few Christians there have attended service at Rajahmundry, being occasionally visited by a Missionary. But during the past year the position of affairs has grown in interest. A retired engineer, Mr. Theodore Van Stavern, has established and maintained several schools at his own cost, and he offers cordial co-operation and assistance to our Missionaries and engages at his removal or death to transfer his schools to us. He has given Rs. 300 toward the purchase of ground and a building for the use of our Mission, and Mr. Artman expects to secure from others Rs. 150 more to cover the cost; a suitable site has been secured on the road front and in a caste district. There are now twenty baptized members and fifteen inquirers under instruction. Mr. Artman preaches there every Sunday evening. A Missionary should be settled there as soon as possible.

3. *Tallapudi*, eight miles above Rajahmundry, on the opposite bank of the Godavery. This is the prominent point in the field which has been occupied and served by Mr. Schmidt from Rajahmundry. But for some years it has been contemplated to locate a Missionary there, so soon as the number of laborers allowed. Ground has been secured for this purpose.

The occupation of these stations, now opened and waiting for the settlement of Missionaries, will make the sending out of two new Missionaries during next year very desirable. Mr. MacCready will be able at once to occupy one station, and Mr. Dietrich will soon be able to take charge of another, if an additional man could take his place in the schools. We earnestly pray the Lord of the harvest to dispose the heart of at least one other to offer himself for this work. In the name of the Lord we call upon some one to enter into this field of labor.

New Buildings.

The report of last year stated that Riverdale, the new Mission House on the bank of the river, was completed. This was a mistake. There has been expended on it during the past year, the sum of $203.00, making the amount thus far expended $2,479.00.

The Boarding House for boys has been completed at a total cost of $203.00. The Boarding House for girls has been erected at a cost thus far of $152.00. A house has been erected for teacher William, at a cost thus far of $87.00, and was occupied by him in August. A house has been erected at Jagumpad, for the use of Rev. T. Joseph, as dwelling and meeting house, at a cost thus far of $123.00. A number of school-houses have been erected at a small cost, in the places occupied.

STATISTICS.

Missionaries sent out and at work		3
" at home on sick leave		1
Wives of Missionaries in the field		2
Native Ordained Pastors		2
Unordained Evangelists and Catechists		2
Inspector of Schools		1
Teachers, Rajahmundry, male 9, female 2		11
" Other Stations		29
Scholars, Rajahmundry—		
Mission School, Primary and Secondary	120	
" " High School	30	
" " Normal School	20	
" " Caste Girls' School	60	
		230
Scholars in Village Schools—		
District, Samulcotta	112	
" Velpur	130	
" Jagurupad	177	
" Tallapudi	25	
		444
Boys in Boarding House, July, 1883		24
Girls in " " " "		18
Married Boarders, families, " "		4
Baptized, during 1880		124
" " 1881		170
" January to June, 1882		121
" July to December, "		141
" January to June, 1883		203
Confirmed, January—June, 1883, Rajahmundry		3

Communed, Rajahmundry		65
"	Velpur D.	100
"	Jagurupad	33
"	Tallapudi	69
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Minutes of Conference of the General Council's Rajahmundry Evangelical Lutheran Mission.

TUESDAY, December 26, 1882.

The Conference was called to order by the President, Rev. H. C. Sehmidt, at 1 o'cloek, P. M. The opening exereises were conducted by Rev. N. Paulus, and consisted of a hymn and the order for morning service from our Telugu Church Book to the end of the Creed. Rev. I. K. Poulsen offered prayer.

When the roll was called, it was found that 28 out of the 39 members now enrolled were present.

On motion the Minutes of last year's conference were only read in Telugu, and were approved.

The President read his report in English and Telugu, as follows:

"DEAR BRETHREN:—When we look baek upon the year which has passsed since our last Conference, we have much reason to rejoice and be thankful, because the Lord has prospered our work and preserved the whole staff of our workmen from serious sickness and trouble. Rev. I. K. Poulsen has returned to the field restored to health and strength; and as there was no hope that Rev. A. B. Carlson would ever be able again to take up the work at Samuleotta, our 'Home Committee' has appointed Rev. Poulsen to occupy the vacant field. His work there has been blessed already, and the first fruits there have been gathered into our Chureh. It has become evident that it is advisable for me to go to Europe and Ameriea, hoping that, by the graee of God, my health may be restored. In the event of my going home, it will be natural that Br. Poulsen, our present Vice President, will beeome the President of our Conference, and it would be well to elect Rev. F. S. Dietrich, Viee President. As our Committee in America has appointed Rev. Artman, Treasurer, and in conneetion with this he will naturally be the best English Seeretary, no alteration will be needed in his case.

The work of our Mission has been earried on perhaps more regularly than ever before, but there is still mueh space for improvement, and I hope the Conference will allow me to give a few suggestions.

By the help of God I have seen many things accomplished on my thirteenth Christmas in Rajahmundry, which I eould hardly hope for at Christmas, 1870. But on the other hand, I have found that the moral standard of our Chureh appears to me hardly as good this Christmas as I believed it to be on the first. I shall only refer to the two things:

1. Truthfulness and honesty.
2. Abstinence from intoxicating drinks.

The whole Hindoo nation has mueh to learn from the aborigenes of this land, the hill people, and from the former heathen nations in Europe. Before the latter beeame Christians, their truthfulness was proverbial, and we all know that

the hill people of this land do not speak a lie before they come in contact with the other Hindoos. The truthfulness and honesty of our Christians ought to be even more proverbial, but you all know how seldom we find among our Christians an open confession of faults and sin.

This must be altered, and it is the work of the ministers and teachers to bring about a change by the Word of God and the help of the Holy Spirit.

With regard to abstinence from strong drinks, I cannot help but think that our Christians, and even our teachers, are very unwise in this respect. The Hindoos, as a nation, are proverbial abstainers. If one speaks to Brahmins, Comoties and Sudras about drinking, they all speak with disgust of this vice, and say that their disgust is so great that they are beyond temptation, except those who have studied in government schools and wish to imitate English vices as well as English virtues. All higher classes despise the Madigas and Malas (the two lowest castes), because they eat carcasses and drink liquor. Now the bulk of our Christians come from among the Malas and Madigas, and as such they are despised by the higher castes. If left to their own choice, many inquirers would prefer to go on eating carcasses, but we are very strict not to allow any Christian to eat carcasses, and why should we not be just as strict with regard to drinking. I mean, that we should try to raise the standard to the same feeling about drinking as the higher castes have in this country.

There is another point to which I wish to draw the attention of Conference. Murramunda, Jagurupad and Metta were at one time the most prosperous of our outstations. But now the Metta congregation is almost nothing. Murrumunda is also in a very weak state, and in Jagurupad some have even fallen back to heathenism. Velpur seems also to be at a standstill. Why there is no healthy growth in these congregations I am unable to say. But I fear that many old Christians get indifferent, because they never aimed at fully realizing their baptismal covenant in renouncing Satan and sin, and giving themselves over to Jesus in true faith and obedience.

In conclusion I can only refer to a few more points very hastily. The village teachers ought to be more regular in adhering to the rule, to teach five days in each week and to spend the remaining two days in preaching. The Inspector of schools ought to control this. The history of congregations ought to be more diligently attended to. A new edition of our Catechism in Telugu ought to be published at once.

The increase and success of the Rajahmundry school will require some alterations in the staff of teachers which should be considered. Some other points will come up under unfinished business from the last meeting of Conference."

Respectfully submitted by the President.

Rev. H. C. Schmidt.

The President's report was received to be taken up under new business, point by point.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted, as follows: At the last meeting of Conference it was determined to build an inn or a house in which our Christians could lodge and live when making short visits to Rajahmundry, and that the funds for said building be contributed by the Christians themselves. Up to date I have received the following sums:

	Rs.	As.	P.
From Peddahem	2.	0.	0
" Jagurupad	14.	6.	0
	16.	6.	0

The work has already been commenced, and we expect that the balance of the money necessary will be contributed during this year, so that the house will be ready before the next meeting of Conference.

By the blessing of God, and the kindness of our numerous friends in America, sufficient monies have been regularly received for the successful prosecution of our work. All the expenses have been regularly met and defrayed. The proposition made at the last meeting of Conference, to make an effort toward making our Mission self-supporting by means of a systematic order of monthly contributions, at the rate of one "dub" per Rupee (about one cent), received by all Mission agents, and of yearly contributions in kind by all cultivators, laborers, etc., belonging to our Mission, has been a failure. I have not received a single "pie" (the smallest coin, about $\frac{1}{3}$ of a cent), from these sources during the year. It is to be hoped that more attention will be paid to this matter during the year. It has, however, been forcibly proved that something can be done in the way of contributions by the Christians themselves, for during this year, 1882, the resolution made at the last meeting, "that a collection should be taken up every Sunday morning in the Rajahmundry congregation," has been regularly carried out. Rev. and Mrs. Schmidt presented a handsome collection bag, which has been presented to all who attend the services on each Sunday morning, and the amount thus collected is, Rs., 41.; As., 2.; P., 9. This is a very encouraging amount when it is considered that for the last few years the amount contributed by the Christians has been almost nothing. It would be a great blessing if our native church here could begin to give a little assistance at least in its own support.

H. G. B. Artman, *Treasurer.*

Rev. N. Paulus presented a very interesting written report of the year's work and progress in his circuit, which was also accepted. The principal points referred to are the unusually prosperous and flourishing condition of his field, which seems to be enjoying the especial favor and blessing of the Almighty. He has been kept in good health so as to be able to visit about ninety villages during the year. He presents the following statistics:

Statistics of the Velpur Circle, N. Paulus.

Number of Baptisms by himself during the year 1883	160
" " Communicants at date	100
" " Villages where we have Christians	20
" " Villages where there are inquirers	6
" " Schools during the year	7
" " Children attending the schools	130
" " Inquirers or candidates for baptism	100
" " Marriages performed	2
" " Persons called away by death	9

He gives an interesting account of the beginning of a great work in some new villages, and the bravery of several men, who had to go to Rajahmundry to obtain baptism, on account of the opposition they met with in their own villages.

He further mentions the names of several of his teachers whom he considers worthy of an increase of pay on account of long and faithful service. He asked the Conference, in conclusion, to grant him six or seven new teachers to meet the pressing demands for schools in his district.

Rev. Joseph had not prepared a written report, but he stated a number of interesting facts verbally. His work has not been so strikingly prosperous as in some previous years, but there are several new villages; among them are Novapett and Lollah, which require teachers. There is a good opportunity in one of these villages to procure land for school purposes, which he hopes we will take advantage of. He also asked for a helper at Jagurupad. His report was received.

The Inspector of Schools, C. James, presented an interesting written report. He has visited all the village schools twice according to instructions received from Conference last year, and he has noticed much improvement. Since his visits a number of children are prepared to enter the main schools at Rajahm. The teachers in the villages have written sermons upon the texts prescribed for each month by the Conference, and letters upon various subjects, which have regularly been sent to the Inspector for examination and correction, and afterwards submitted to the President of Conference. There are about 200 children in attendance in the village schools (not including Bro. Poulsen's circle at Samulcotta). He advises the appointment of some of the old teachers to new stations, and mentions the encouraging fact that several more promising young men are anxious to come to the Rajahmundry School to continue their studies and become teachers. He made special mention of the great work in a new village Vissakoderu, where there are two large schools, so that the work is too great for the teacher stationed there. He therefore advised the appointment of another teacher there. This report was also received.

All the present officers were re-elected, viz:

President—Rev. H. C. Schmidt.

Vice President—Rev. I. K. Poulsen.

Treasurer and English Secretary—H. G. B. Artman.

Telugu Secretary—J. William Henry.

Rev. F. S. Dietrich, the new brother whom we hope to welcome in our midst soon, was elected 2d Vice President.

One new member was elected, B. David, teacher at Mallepordee (Velpur Circle), who graduated from the Rajahm School during the year and was employed at once. Rev. H. G. B. Artman, Superintendent of the Main School at Rajahmundry, presented the names of the following pupils of the school as candidates for employment as teachers, and election to membership, viz: N. Isaac Simons, T. Samuel Joseph, B. John, J. John Henry, G. Cornelius, R. Johannu, B. David Appayyah. The first four have been trained up in our Rajahmundry School since their childhood, and are now at such an age and advancement in their studies, as to be able to become useful in teaching and preaching the Gospel to the heathen. The other three have only been studying in our school at R. for the last six months, but their previous education

being pretty thorough, they have, by great diligence and earnest application to their studies, proved themselves worthy of employment as village teachers. He therefore hoped that these young men would all be favorably received by the Conference, but not without examination and thorough approval.

On motion, it was agreed that these young men be called before the Ministerial Committee, when it meets to-morrow morning, for examination and appointment to the various villages of the various circles where the need is greatest, and for which they are best fitted.

It was also agreed that all the ordained members of Conference shall constitute an examining committee to receive, examine, and appoint all new teachers, in the future.

When the question arose as to the best way to decide which were the proper places to which to send the new teachers, Rev. Schmidt explained the method in use in the Church of England (Episcopalian) Missions, viz, to appoint the men to the district from which they have been originally sent, and only to such villages where there are at least ten Christian families. But as this is not feasible at present in our Mission, it was moved and carried that the distribution be made as evenly as possible among all our Circles, according to their various needs, and the importance of the work.

The Treasurer's report was also taken up for consideration. In regard to the system of contributions proposed, it was agreed that it must be adhered to, and that a beginning be made by deducting one "dub" per Rupee from all the Mission agents' salaries, and the sum thus contributed is to be kept in the hands of the Treasurer, to be disposed of according to the desires of the Conference at its next meeting.

When the question about the Christian inn was again brought up, many of the teachers made expression of warm interest and determination to raise the necessary funds; and M. Venlsataswanny promised to pay Rs. 2, as his share toward the proposed building.

It was on motion agreed that in connection with the Bibles which have been placed in the village schools, a copy of our Telugu Church book and hymn book be also supplied for the use of each school, and that the teachers be held responsible for the safe keeping of all these books.

It was agreed that a book be kept in each village, in which to keep account of all important events, acts, examinations, etc., which may take place.

After the subject of the improvement of our Rajahmundry School had been discussed by a number of the members of the school, the head Master and the Superintendent made a few explanatory remarks in reference to the new and improved plans proposed for the New Year.

On motion, adjourned at about 6 P. M., after singing a hymn, the Lord's Prayer, and the benediction.

HORACE G. B. ARTMAN,
English Secretary.

Minutes of the Conference of Caucasian Missionaries, Friday, December 29, 1882.

All our Missionaries were present. Rev. Mr. Poulsen spoke of the unfavorable position of the Mission property at Samulcotta. It is about two miles from

the nearest point where he has any baptized people. He proposed the erection of a new Bungalow in the outskirts of Peddapur, on the side toward the present Bungalow. He said this would be a great saving in distance and bring him into much closer connection with his work. Since the present Bungalow is old and cannot last long without extensive repairs, it would be cheaper and more desirable to build a new house. After discussion it was resolved, that it would perhaps be more desirable to build a new house on some suitable site more centrally located in the Samulcotta District, instead of spending money in repairing the present house.

The complete exhaustion of the old edition of Luther's Small Catechism in Telugu was considered. For the last six months it has been impossible to meet the great demand for Catechisms. It was, therefore, Resolved, That it is absolutely necessary to prepare a New Edition of the Catechism, and that it be revised so as to bring it into as perfect accordance as possible with revised Telugu Bible and our Telugu Church Book. Resolved, That the revision be begun January 2, 1883, and that the Committee of Revision consist of all the ordained Ministers and our teachers, C. James and J. Wm. Henry.

Revision of the Catechism.

Before the Committee began its work Rev. F. S. Dietrich had arrived and was able to unite with the others. The revision was begun January 4. The Committee had before them the translation heretofore used in our Mission, the one used by the Hermansburg Mission, one prepared by C. James and one made by a Telugu pundit at Velpur. Copies of the German and of the English translation were used. The late revision of the Telugu Bible was taken as the standard of construction and style of language. The four Telugu versions were read consecutively, and an effort was made to secure all the good points they severally contained for the new version. A Telugu pundit, Subbarayada, was present at many of the sessions and gave his counsel. After four days' labor the work was completed, and has since been published. Its form corresponds with that of the Church Book, so that they can be bound together when desired.

Annual Reports.

Jagurupad District, Rev. T. Joseph.

As I have several times mentioned, the Baptists are my nearest neighbors, and now and then I have some troubles through them, but still I remember that I have a right and duty to serve the Lord our Saviour in the beauty of holiness and to fight against the low spirit, which is the great hindrance in my services.

I have a few schools in some of the villages, in some none, because I have not sufficient teachers. I pray the Lord, who keeps me in all my troubles, earnestly to give me more laborers for this work, and I know that he will answer my prayers in His good time. I try my best to teach all the Christians in my district to give at least a little money on Sundays when they come to the service. Except at Jagurupad, I have not yet succeeded; partly because

the Christians are poor, partly because it is a new thing for them, but still I collect a little every Sunday. I have a regular Sunday School at Jagurupad; my wife and some of the Christians help me. I also collect a little money from the children. I hope the Lord will give them a good mind to believe and understand the word of God, which says; "It is more blessed to give than to receive." We have a very small meeting, opened with prayer, at Jagurupad, once in six months, to look after the money received both at the Sunday service and in the Sunday School. I like to encourage the Christians by doing so. I believe and pray the Lord to bless this little work abundantly. The money received on Sunday at service and in the Sunday School, is as follows: Jagurupad, from the congregation, 15 Armas, during 1879 and 1880; from friends and other places, Rs. 4, Armas 8. From the Congregation, 1881, Rs. 2.2.4; 1082, Rs. 1.12.4; 1083, January–June, Rs. 1.9. From the Sunday School, 1883, January–June, Rs. 1.0.1. From Muramunda and Paravarum, Ar. 15. Total, Rs. 12.14.6.

In April I visited some hundreds of people who came to worship idols and talked to them about the eternal happiness and joy which they can obtain through Jesus Christ, if they believe in Him. Some said that they were willing to believe in Jesus, if their neighbors and relatives did not persecute them; but the Brahmins, knowing that they would lose their gain if they confess the truth, spoke against the truth of Jesus. I see that most of the people see now clearly that they are deceived by the false doctrine of the Brahmins. I hope the Lord's kingdom may come soon.

Your true and obedient one in Christ, T. Joseph.

Statistics.—Names of places and number of Christians, July, 1882–June, 1883. Places where there are Christians, Jagurupad, baptized, men 2, women 5, children 9, enquirers 3. Maramunda, baptized, men 1, children 5; enquirers 5. Nuvapet, baptized, men 2, children 3; enquirers 3. Polavarem, baptized, men 3, women 1, children 1; enquirers 3. Lollah, baptized, men 15; enquirers 2. Autrigapuram, enquirers 2. Peravaram, baptized, women 1. children 2; enquirers 10. Dowlaishwarum, baptized, men 1, children 1; enquirers 1. Vernagiri, baptized, children 3; enquirers 3. Rajulu, baptized, women 1. Ramachendrapuram, baptized, men 1. Total, baptized, men 25, women 8, children 24; enquirers 33; died 9.

Velpur District, Rev. N. Paulus.

The journal of this native pastor, for the first six months of 1883, has been received, and shows a great increase of interest in

parts of the field under his care. He visited seventy villages within that period, a number of them sundry times. In the following places he baptized persons: Bobbarajapalem, 2, school opened March 1, 1883; Vandra, 12; Vissakoderu, 3; Korrapadu, 9; Tadairu, 15; Anakodairu, 13; communicants, 12; Argatupalem, 5; communion administered; Juggernathpuram communion; Mallerwarum, 14; Garlamudu, 36; Seesalu, 14; communicants, 8; Mahadevapatuam, 1; communicants, 9; Mukkamalu, 3. Summary: Baptisms, 139; marriages, 1; communicants, 160; Christian villages, 25; enquiring villages, 25; schools, 13; scholars, 177.

I am engaged in teaching the Bible to some of the caste boys whenever I am at home. The head-master of the village comes often with his students to learn. My wife is also engaged in teaching sewing to ten caste girls. The caste prejudice seems to be decaying.

N. Paulus.

Samulcotta District.

The last statistical report received from Rev. I. K. Poulsen is that for the year 1882. In this he says: At Samulcotta I have baptized two adults, but one of them was a servant of an Englishman and has left this place. I have induced the Madras Bible Society to keep a Colporteur here, and have procured K. Baakasam for the work. He is paid by the society and sells their Bibles. I supervise the work and keep the accounts and store of books. My Catechet, Laksmeah, and his wife, Amelia, were baptized at the Mission of the Church of England in Masulipatam. He was a guru or kind of a priest among the Malas before he became a Christian; a Dasari that functionary is called. He was for many years a Colporteur of the Bible Society until Mr. Carlson procured him for the work here. He is always willing to do what I wish, but he has had little education, and is too old to receive instructions. His wife, Amelia, was well educated in the boarding school at Masulipatam. The best of my teachers is Francis, he is also older and more experienced than the others who are merely boys themselves. He is also from Masulipatam. Unfortunately his wife is a teacher in the boarding school there, and he has not yet succeeded in getting her to leave there. I should be very sorry to lose him, which I fear will be the case if he cannot get his wife to join him here. While he is absent, Samuel, Rev. Joseph's son, whom I got at Christmas from the school at Rajahmundry, attends to Francis' work at Kattamur. The three baptized in that village are old men. Gorinta has been regularly visited during the year, but it was only at New Year that John was placed there. Teacher David, at Rajah

gopalem, was married last year to Emily, who was baptized as an infant by Rev. Mr. Long; the other teachers are not married. At Gudaparti it seemed in the beginning that we should soon have been able to baptize some. Many of the Malas took up a firm position against their own religion, and a remarkable answer to a prayer of some women, made some stir among them, but our hopes have not been fully realized; still the school goes on. I have not yet built any school house anywhere. In several places the school is kept in the temple verandah. On Sundays the teachers come here to my house where we hold service. The Lord's Supper has been administered four times during the year.

Statistics.—Villages, Peddapur, southern, $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles from this Mission House. Amelia, teacher; scholars, 3 boys 12 girls; baptized, 3 adults 2 children. Peddapur, northern, 3 miles, Peter, teacher; 10 boys; 6 large boys or young men in night school; baptized, 2 adults. Rajahgopalem, 4 miles, David, teacher; 3 boys 5 girls; 15 in night school; baptized, 1 adult 1 infant. Gudaparti, $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles, Jacob, teacher. 4 boys 2 girls; 8 in night school. Ragampet, 1 mile, Venkatasami, teacher; 5 boys; 8 in night school. Gorinta, 4 miles, John, teacher; 5 boys 6 girls; 8 in night school. Kattamur, 5 miles, Francis, teacher; 8 boys; 4 in night school; baptized, 3 adults.

In later letters Mr. Poulsen says, June 24, 1883: I have now baptized twenty-three persons since I came here (Jan. 1882), which is much more than I ever had expected in the beginning, when the people could with great difficulty be gotten quiet enough to listen to the Gospel message. In this our dear Lord has made us ashamed of our little faith. The name of a new village where I baptized a young man yesterday is Chendaladu. Besides this, Juggampet has been occupied. Pilli Jacob has been stationed there as teacher. As soon as he was stationed there, Mr. Timpany, a Baptist Missionary, sent a teacher of his there and went himself and baptized our man, a relative of his teacher. When some time ago I sent Laksmeah on a visit thither, the villagers said that they want only the Samulcotta Dorra (me) and wished to know if they should beat Mr. Timpany's teacher out of the village.

I have long been waiting for your sanction of my estimates, sent at the beginning of the year, for a boarding school here. I ought to have started it before this. Aug. 6, 1883, he writes: The reasons why I should have a school here for Christian boys, in order to prepare them to become teachers, are very urgent. The Lord has been so gracious as to let my work prosper here in this short

time so that I can soon be able to push out some of the brightest boys. I have already taken one and instruct him myself. He is a remarkable instance in which a Pariah has been taught by a Brahmin from his earliest years to read, his father having paid him therefor. In order that my time might be utilized I should have opportunity to instruct at my house. Perhaps you will say, send the boys to our school at Rajahmundry. The fact is that the people, at least at the present status of their civilization, will not send their children so far away. It is even so much feared by them that often before being baptized they say, when we become Christians they will take our children and send them to Rajahmundry. The boy whom I mentioned was induced to go thither, but was there only three days when he ran away and came home, not being able to bear the separation from his parents, and he is seventeen years old. If I do not take them into the boarding school, the Baptists are here and are more than willing to do so, and they even use this as a bait against me. I have no meeting-house here; my house is even too small for my own family, and the school house I would build should be also a meeting-house. At the service to-day I had the privilege of baptizing three persons old enough to answer for themselves, and one infant.

Rajahmundry.

Rev. H. G. B. Artman reported in January, for the year 1882, in full, and we select therefrom the following matters: To obtain even passable statistics from our native agents, and even from some of the ordained ministers, is extremely difficult, and to obtain full and reliable ones seems utterly beyond our power at present. I urged Paulus to prepare a written report for our last Conference which has enabled me to give some small idea of the work done in his District during 1882. And Paulus took great pains to prepare as interesting and faithful a report as possible. Bro. Schmidt established a system of monthly reports upon a printed form, about a year ago. These forms are issued every month to all the village teachers, as well as the native pastors, and they are expected to fill them out and return them at the end of each month. Even this simple work has been done but indifferently. But they are obtaining practice and we hope for fuller reports.

I may as well mention an idea which has been forming in my mind. I mean the great need of some proper organization and constitution for the government of our Missions. Our members are increasing and so is the importance of our business every year, and it seems increasingly necessary that we should be regularly

constituted with a code of rules for our government. I am not prepared to say what is best, but hope the Committee will take this matter into consideration.

It is a cause for great rejoicing that the number of individuals and Sunday Schools willing to support children in our Boarding Schools is always on the increase, for the number of children already in the schools is not nearly provided for and others are coming continually, as accommodation is found for them. The allotments we have made will be seen from the list. You will notice from the minutes of the Conference, sent you, that we were able to graduate and employ as teachers seven new men, all regular scholars in our Mission School. The number of married boarders is not large at present, because they have been detained in their villages by the harvests. The new boys' boarding house is done and answers the purpose admirably. The front rooms are occupied by T. Barnabas, bookbinder and sexton of the church, as residence and book store. J. Henry, T. Barnabas, J. William, J. John and M. Alfred are a committee to help me look after all the interests of our boarding institutions. The old Boarding House is used for the older boys or young men, while the married men also occupy separate quarters. The Girls' Boarding House is slowly approaching completion.

We felt much encouraged by your direction to go on with our school enlarging its sphere. We are gradually and slowing trying to do so in so far as our present Day School is concerned, and the results are encouraging. This year again loud calls are made upon us for a mission school for higher castes and higher classes, like the Noble School at Masulipatam, the High School at Guntur, the Mission School at Nursapur, Amalapur and other places, and we can hardly resist the calls. We are, however, trying to wait patiently for the guidance of Providence, and even if we should deem it necessary and advisable to begin this work, we would not allow it to interfere with the Government School, nor would we be able to undertake more than two higher classes.

Mr. Artman's report for the half year, January to June, 1883, is very brief, and occupied chiefly with the Statistics which are given under that heading. He adds: The Lord has been unusually gracious to our Mission during the past half year. There have been only a few deaths in any part of our field, at Rajahmundry none, in the Tallapudi District but one. The only great loss we have suffered was the departure on furlough of our dear co-laborer, Rev. H. C. Schmidt and his family. We trust the Lord will restore

them to us very soon. At Rajahmundry, between January and June, 1883, two persons were baptized and three confirmed, one couple married, at the Easter Communion seventy-seven persons took part, of whom seventeen were from villages; at Whitsunday sixty-five communed.

INCIDENTS AND ANNALS OF MISSION WORK.

1882.

Nov. —. A tract of ground adjoining the Mission Compound and projecting into it was purchased for $72.00, completing the rectangular form of our plot.

Dec. 26-29. General and special Conferences held at Rajahmundry.

1883.

Jan. 2. Rev. F. S. Dietrich arrived and was welcomed.

Jan. 3. Teacher J. Wm. Henry was married to Satyavati from the Ellore Mission of the Church of England.

Jan. 28. The Bell presented to St. Paul's Church by friends in St. Michael's Church, Germantown, with the abundant Christmas gifts from many friends, arrived.

Feb. 27. *Brahmin Boys' Class.* A class of young men composed of Brahmins, heathen, who desired to learn English was formed. The conditions on which Revs. Artman and Dietrich undertook this labor were, that the scholars must for one hour read the Bible daily in school and have it explained, that they must attend English service on Sunday and Wednesday, and the English Sunday School, and pay Rs. 2 or $2\frac{1}{2}$ per month, which would cover the entire expenses of the school. The Telugu pundit Subbarayudu, who has been employed as their own Telugu teacher by our Missionaries for some years, was engaged as Telugu teacher at Rs. 20 per month, and the English instruction is given by the two Missionaries, each two hours daily. The Class is termed Sixth Class of the Mission School. It was begun with twenty-one scholars, but the number has since increased. The scholars are taught in all branches necessary to matriculation. Any income above expenses goes into the treasury of the Mission.

March 26. A farewell assembly was held by the district Munsiff on the departure of Mr. Schmidt. On the 27th a farewell meeting was held which was attended by our Christians and many East Indians and educated Hindus. A handsome Bible was presented to Mr. Schmidt by the congregation. In the evening they started on the Dove of Peace, accompanied by Duncan MacCready, an orphan, whom Mr. and Mrs. Artman send to America to be educated. On

the way to Covonada they visited Rev. Joseph and Rev. Poulsen and sailed on the 31st for Madras.

April 3. Mr. Artman's family removed to Riverdale, leaving Mr. Dietrich in occupation of the Mission House.

April 9. Revs. Pohl and Borthman, Brechlum Missionaries, arrived on their way to Vizianagaram, where they will prepare to begin again their Mission at Sallur on the Ghaut Road.

April 30. The Schools were all closed for the vacation till June 15. The boarding boys and girls went to their homes.

May 1-7. Mr. Artman visited the Tallapudi District. A site for a school was secured at Guddigudium, on which a school house was afterward erected. At Tallapudi several intelligent men urged the speedy settlement of a Missionary.

June 13. Site secured for school purposes at Nandamur and Kuvur, immediately opposite Rajahmundry, on the other bank of the Godavery.

June 14. A second son was born to Mr. Artman and named Walter Mahlon Houpt.

June 15. At the re-opening of the Schools a Teachers' Meeting was arranged to be held monthly.

June 20. A Normal Department was organized with fifteen young men.

Mr. Artman acknowledges the receipt directly from Mrs. Birnbaum, of Philadelphia, of $100, and again of $10 for the educational purposes of the Mission. Mrs. Sterling, widow of H. G. Sterling, Esq., also sent $100 for the education of a boy. Mrs. Harkness and daughters also sent $25 for the support of a girl.

Zenana Work. The letters of Mr. Artman time and again urge the necessity of sending out one or more ladies to engage in work among the women. The return of Mrs. Schmidt has thrown this whole work, with the care of the caste girls on Mrs. Artman, who has the charge of the young children, on her. A number of cultivated Hindus at Rajahmundry spoke of sending a petition to the Committee, begging them to give attention to the Zenana work.

GIRLS' BOARDING HOUSE.

RAJAHMUNDRY, Aug. 7, 1883.

Condition of the Girls' Boarding School at the end of the first half of year 1883.

Since the departure of the Schmidts and the removal to their

former home, Riverdale Bungalow, it has also been necessary for the boarding girls to move down to this compound so as to be under our direct supervision. They are now occupying a small hut which was formerly occupied by V. Moses, one of our Christians. During these six months, there has been no sickness of any accouut amongst the girls and but few changes have taken place. The most important one being the marriage of N. Marie, one of the most promising of our girls, to Lazurus, on May 27th. Since her marriage she has been living with her husband, who is teacher at Hemigherry. There are at present twenty boarders in the school, M. Sarah, I. Jemimah and Aramjute being taken in since the beginning of the year. Of these twenty girls, not even the half, are being supported, although we have made so many appeals in their behalf. We are using as little money as possible for them; we are very saving both with their food and clothing. Compared with boarding children in other missions, they are kept very close indeed. Still, we have the consolation that we are not spoiling them and unfitting them for the time when they leave the boarding-house and have homes of their own. The children have about two hours sewing every day in which they make their own clothes besides making a few things towards the Christmas tree. A few, those who can sew well, are taught wool work on canvass, and two or three girls can crochet a little. In this department, as in many others of our mission work, we feel so much the want of one or two more ladies to assist. There is too much work for one to do alone. If for any reason it is impossible to go on with the teaching every day, work is stopped altogether, as there is no one to take it up. How can learning in such cases progress properly with so many interruptions? It is our utmost wish that some other lady may be sent out to assist in this work which is only a very small part of all that must be attended to in a large station like Rajahmundry, not mentioning the smaller stations that also need looking after.

Besides the boarding department down here, there are also three married women boarders who attend school with their husbands to become village teachers. These families are generally from the country, as we say, and are much in need of instruction at our hands. Pray for us that we may not be discouraged, but be helped to go on faithfully with our work inasmuch as in our power.

Mrs. H. G. B. A.

CASTE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Report of the Caste Girls' School for the first half of 1883.

Since the departure of the Schmidts, this part of Mrs. Schmidt's special charge has also fallen into my hands. The main part of the teaching, of course, falls to the native teacher. V. Ratnam, one of our Christians (formerly a caste man) and to a Brahmin teacher, but the presence and supervision of a European, is quite necessary to keep up the credit of the school and gain the attendance of the children. The fact that a missionary's wife spends one hour in the school every day teaching the children needle-work proves one of the main attractions of the place. At present there are at least seventy pupils in the school, but there is only an average attendance of forty. This is owing to the innumerable feasts, weddings, etc., that have to be attended by the children and which always keep some away from school. At present sore eyes, a peculiar disease of this country, is keeping many away. Still there are a number there belonging to the highest class and who are becoming interested in their studies, who are very regular and who seem to take much pleasure in coming. There are two classes ; the first and highest, which is taught by V. Ratnam, have finished the Telugu First Book (a Christian book) and have learned a little of arithmetic and are ready to begin geography. In the second class, taught by Nenkajah, the Brahmin, some are studying the alphabet still and some have begun to spell. As soon as they can spell they are allowed to join the sewing class. Most of the children are very young, none over twelve years of age, and some as young as four, so that Mrs. Schmidt found it quite necessary to engage a person to bring the little ones to and from the school, otherwise their parents would have been afraid to consent to letting their children come. The teachers, as well as the person, assist in this work, which takes up no little time as the children are brought in from all parts of the town.

One notices many little sly tricks, telling untruths, dishonesty, etc., amongst these little folks that we do not find amongst our Christian children, yet there is no doubt but that a word now and then telling them of their faults will have effect, and that the little Christian sentences which many have learned, carelessly perhaps now, and the hymns they sing, may take a hold in their young minds which will have a bearing in their future lives, and we hope may bring some to the true life. MRS. H. G. B. A.

LIST OF BOARDING BOYS.

	Names.	*Age.*	*Native Village.*	*District.*	*Admitted.*	*By whom supported.*
1.	I. Nathaniel	13	Murumunda	Rev. Joseph's	June, 1881	Rev. J. B. Fox.
2.	M. Cornelius	15	"	"	"	St. Michael's Sunday School, Germantown.
3.	M. Yesudas	13	Jagurupad	"	"	St. James's Sunday School, Reading.
4.	K. Paradisy	13	"	"	"	J. G. Wagner's Class, Zion's, Rochester.
5.	A. Isaac	13	Mahadavipatnam	Rev. Paulus's	"	Salem Sunday School, Lebanon.
6.	P. Charles Henry	11	Tadairu	"	July, 1881	Mr. and Mrs. Heinitsh.
7.	C. Joseph	11	Konetavadda	"	"	St. Peter's, New York.
8.	K. Charley	13	Jagurupad	Rev. Joseph's	"	Salem Sunday School, Bethlehem.
9.	P. Meshach	13	Mahadavipatnam	Rev. Paulus's	Oct. 1, 1881	St. Luke's Sunday School, Philadelphia.
10.	P. David	9	"	"	"	St. John's Sunday School, Allentown.
11.	A. Jacob	9	"	"	"	Transfiguration Sunday School, Pottstown
12.	C. Benjamin	10	Konetavadda	"	January, 1882	Lancaster Trinity Sunday School.
13.	P. Lazarus	12	Kommadavelli	"	Sept. 28, 1882	
14.	M. Peter	13	Mallepui	"	Feb. 3, 1883	Graee Chureh Sunday School, Bethlehem.
15.	E. James	13	Korrapadu	"	Feb. 9, 1883	
16.	E. Nathan	10	"	"	"	
17.	M. Abraham	10	Dowlaishwarem	Rev. Joseph's	December, 1882	Father Heyer Mission Soeiety, Seminary.
18.	B. Lake	20	Murumunda	"	January, 1882	Zion's Sunday School, Wilmington.
19.	E. Thomas	15	Junusu	Rev. Paulus's	July, 1882	
20.	K. Isaiah	16	Paleole	"	"	
21.	K. Stephen	16	Nuapett	Rev. Joseph's	August	
22.	M. Peter	16	Dowlaishwarem	"	January 18	
23.	A. Lemuel	18	Korrapadu	Rev. Paulus's	Feb. 9, 1883	
24.	K. Jaeob	18	Willow	"	February, 1883	
25.	K. Isaac	25	"	"	"	

BOYS SUPPORTED WHO DO NOT LIVE IN THE BOARDING HOUSE.

N.	Stephen Paulus	15	Velpur	January, 1883	Rev. F. S. Dietrich.
V.	Jacob Moses	16	Rajahmundry	January, 1882	Lutheran Mission Class, St. Mark's.
J.	Daniel Henry	15	"	January, 1883	St. Johannes Sunday School, Philadelphia.
C.	Magiel	15	"		Mrs. Rev. H. C. Schmidt.

J. William Henry, teacher at Rajahmundry, is supported by the Sunday School of St. John's Church, Allentown.

LIST OF BOARDING GIRLS.

	Names.	*Age.*	*Native Village.*	*District.*	*Admitted.*	*By whom supported.*
1.	N. Hannah	11	Peravarum	Rev. Joseph's	July, 1881	Mrs. Harkness and Daughters.
2.	E. Karunna	8	Velpur	Rev. Paulus's	"	
3.	E. Rosina	10	"	"	"	
4.	P. Velugu (Heyer)	10	Muramunda	Rev. Joseph's	"	St. Paul's Sunday School, Philadelphia.
5.	P. Sundary	10	"	"	"	St. Michael's, Germantown.
6.	T. Amelia	8	"	"	"	Mrs. Birnbaum.
7.	K. Grace	10	Gowripatnam	Rev. Schmidt's	"	
8.	K. Mary Ann	15	Vuddalee	Rev. Paulus's	"	Miss Klinger, New York.
9.	T. Hannah	12	Gowripatnam	Rev. Schmidt's	"	Mrs. Schaeffer, Germantown.
10.	K. Rose	13	"	"	"	
11.	V. Lutyavati	13	Jagurupad	Rev. Joseph's	January, 1882	
12.	J. Martha	13	Murumunda	"	"	
13.	J. Maria	12	"	"	"	
14.	N. Maria	11	Gowripatnam	Rev. Schmidt's	"	
15.	M. Hannah	12	Jagurupad	Rev. Joseph's	June, 1882	
16.	K. Haruna	12	"	"	"	
17.	N. Martha	13	Peravarum	"	"	
18.	M. Sarah	10	Dowlaishwarem	"	December, 1882	
19.	T. Rachel	20	Palcole	Rev. Paulus's	January, 1883	
20.	Susie Monroe	9	Mahadavipatnam	"	"	Miss Susie Monroe, St. Mark's Sewing School.

Financial Report.

EXPENDITURES IN INDIA.

JULY, 1882 TO JUNE, 1883.

REV. H. G. B. ARTMAN, *Treasurer.*

MISSION AGENTS.

Rev. H. C. Schmidt's Charge.

Inspector of Schools, C. James	Rs. 180	$ 72.00
" Traveling Expenses,	10.15.0	4.38
Colporteur, L. Jeremiah, Salary	96.	38.40
" Traveling Expenses	20.	8.00
Teacher, Caste Girls' School, V. Ratnam	120.	48.00
" " " " Venkayah	96.	38.40
" " " " Kantayah, $4\frac{2}{3}$ m	23. 4.6	9.31
" Tallapudi, Matthew	84.	33.60
" District, B. John	72.	28.80
" " N. Isaac, 6 mos	30.	12.00
" " B. David, 6 mos	36.	14.40
Traveling expenses of Teachers	90. 4.0	36.10
	Rs. 858. 7.6	$ 343.39

Velpur District.

Rev. N. Paulus, Salary	Rs. 300.	$ 120.00
" " Traveling expenses	55. 4.0	22.10
Teacher, E. Johann	84.	33.60
" N. Stephen	84.	33.60
" P. Gnanaprakasem	78.	31.20
" P. Peter	72.	28.80
" R. Nathaniel	78.	31.20
" G. Paradasy, 11 months	61.	24.40
" P. David, 10 months	50.	20.00
" K. Michael, 7 months	36.	14.40
" R. Johann, 6 months	30.	12.00
" G. Cornelius, 6 months	30.	12.00
" D. Nathaniel, 4 months	20.	8.00
" V. Joseph, 4 months	20.	8.00
" Prakasem, 1 month	6.	2.40
Helper, E. Zacharias	31. 8	12.60
Traveling expenses of Teachers	23.12	9.50
	Rs. 1059.8	$ 423.80

Jagurupad District.

Rev. T. Joseph, Salary	Rs. 300.	$ 120.00
" " Traveling expenses	59.12	23.90
Teacher, M. William Schaeffer	72.	28.80
" M. Lazarus	72.	28.80
" R. Johann	60.	24.00

Teacher R. Prakasem	60.	24.00
" N. Thomas	58.	23.20
Traveling expenses of Teachers	18.10	7.45
	Rs. 700.6	$ 280.15

Samulcotta District.

Rev. Iver K. Poulsen's Charge.

Expenses and Repairs	Rs. 282.12	$ 113.10
Catechet, Laksmiah, salary	120.	48.00
Teacher, John Francis, 10 months	70.	28.00
" D. Peter	84.	33.60
" P. Venkatasami (P. Jacob)	60.	24.00
" M. Jacob, 9 month	45.	18.00
" —— David, 6 months	32.3	12.88
" J. Amelia,	60.	24.00
" B. John, 6 months	30.	12.00
" T. Samuel, 6 months	30.	12.00
" K. Isaiah, 2 weeks	2.	80
	Rs. 815.15	$ 326.38

SCHOOLS AT RAJAHMUNDRY.

Rev. H. G. B Artman's Charge, assisted by *Rev. F. S. Dietrich*, after January, 1883.

Anglo-Vernacular Day School.—

Salaries of Teachers, William, Alfred, Charles, Lorah, Amelia, Elizabeth	Rs. 376.	$ 150.40
School Supplies	78.11.9	31.50
School Fees, Charles William	16.	6.40
" " Jacob	14.15	5.98
Books for Mission and Schools	63. 3	25.28
Bibles, Telugu, for Schools, (20)	40.	16.00
Boys' Boarding House, Food, 6 months	254.13.7	101.93
" " " Clothing, 6 months	44.12	17.90
Girls' Boarding House, Food, 6 months	156. 3	62.48
" " " Clothing, 6 months	26.10	10.65
Boys' and Girls' Boarding Houses, Food and Clothing, 6 months	525.12.6	210.31
Traveling Expenses, Holidays	7. 3.9	2.90
Married Men and Women, Food and Clothing	139.13.9	55.94
	Rs. 1744.2.4	$ 697.65

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Rajahmundry.—

Mission House, lot purchased	Rs 205.	$ 82.00
Riverdale, additional	507. 6	202.95
Boys' Boarding House, completed.	275. 9	110.23
Girls' " " in part	318.10	127.45
Teacher William's house	216. 7	86.58

Tallapudi District.—			
Ground for Mission House, Tallapudi	Rs.	263.	$ 105.20
School House, Tallapudi, part		10.	4.00
" Peddahem		28.12.9	11.52
" Melta		14. 4.10	5.72
" Gudigudiem		30.	12.00
Velpur District.—			
Velpur, House		3.	1.20
School House. Anakodairu		20.	8.00
" " Seasala		26.	10.40
" " Bobbarajahpalem		10.	4.00
" " Juggernathpuram		5.	2.00
" " Mallapudi		4.	1.60
Jagurupad District.—			
Pastor's House		305. 9	122.23
Building Materials and Labor		908. 2.7	363.27
Repairs, divers, to Mission Houses, &c		119. 1.3	47.63
	Rs.	3269.14.5	$1307.98

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Boat, Captain's pay	Rs.	84.	$ 33.60
" Repairs and Expenses		50.12	20.30
" License for 1883		15.	6.00
Taxes, on Grounds		14.14.2	5.95
" Mission Houses		52. 9.6	21.04
Catechism, Printing		50.	20.00
Freight on Church Bell		20.	8.00
Sundries		26.14.6	10.76
Rev. H. C. Schmidt, Traveling Expenses		42.	16.80
" " Postage		9.	3.60
Rev. I. K. Poulsen, Charge for Horse		192.	76.80
" " Postage, &c		4.2	1.65
" " Boat Expenses		9.14.6	3.96
Rev. H. G. B. Artman, Traveling Expenses		38.	15.20
" " Postage		5.	2.00
	Rs.	614.2.8	$ 245.66

SUMMARY.

Mission Agents	Rs.	3434. 4.6	$1373.72
Schools at Rajahmundry		1744. 2.4	697.65
Buildings and Grounds		3269.14.5	1307.98
Miscellaneous Expenses		614. 2.8	245.66
Salaries, Missionaries			3600.00
Total, July, 1882 to June, 1883			$7225.01

ACCOUNT OF ST PAUL'S CHURCH, RAJAHMUNDRY.

July to December, 1882.

Receipts.—

Collections, English Services	Rs.	15.15.3	$ 6.38
" Balance on hand July 1, 1882		14.11.3	5.88
" Telugu, Services and S. School		29.12.9	11.92
" " Balance July 1, 1882		60. 6.2	24.16
Total Receipts	Rs.	120.11.5	$ 48.34

Expenditures.—

Church Expenses	Rs.	20.3.9	$ 8.10
Sexton's Salary		12.	4.80
Chairs, six		18.	7.20
Candles for Christmas Tree		3.	1.20
Mats for Church and School		30. 8	12.20
Total Expenses	Rs.	83.11.9	$ 33.50
Balance, January, 1883	Rs.	36.15.8	$ 14.84

RECEIPTS IN INDIA.

Contributions from English Residents	$ 96.40
St. Paul's Church, balance after expenses July to Dec., 1882	14.84
" " Balance July, 1883, English Service and S. School,	13.96
" " " Telugu Service and S. School	15.76
Rev. Paulus and Teachers, Velpur District	3.81
Rev. Joseph and Teachers, Jagurupad District	1.63
Other Mission Agents	5.60
Profits of Brahmin Class	8.00
Returned by Rev. H. Jensen	200.00
Rent of Mission House No 2, 4 months	40.00
" Ground at Tallapudi	8.00
	$ 408.00

Estimate for Year, July, 1883—*June*, 1884.

Salaries of three Missionaries in India	$ 3,000.00
Salary of Rev. H. C. Schmidt on sick leave	600.00
Visit of Rev. H. C. Schmidt to America	200.00
Mission Agents	1,800.00
Schools at Rajahmundry	1,000.00
Buildings and Grounds	1,000.00
Sending out Mr. McCready	400.00
" " another Missionary	400.00
" " a female "	500.00
An Expected Expense	500.00
Miscellaneous Expenses in India	300.00
Total estimate for India	$9,700.00

The consideration of this report was made the special order for Monday afternoon at the opening of the session.

The minutes of the last Convention of this Body were referred to a Committee consisting of Revs. A. Richter, H. Gilbert, A. Rodell and Messrs. A. Hirtzel and J. Born.

The Treasurer presented his report, which was referred to the Auditing Committee, who were authorized to accept, as correct, the report of the Committee which audited the Foreign Mission account.

Treasurer's Report.

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1882.		DR.	
Nov. 27.	To cash,	Rev. Wischan, from Pittsburgh Synod	$ 65 12
27.	"	Rev. Fischer	270 79
Dec. 2.	"	N. N	1 00
10.	"	N. N	1 00
28.	"	Rev. J. Fry, D. D.—	
		Collected by Messrs. Kuder and MacCready, at Lawry Station, for purchase of pews in Church at Rajahdmundry	7 00
		Collected at Rev. Dietrich's farewell service in Trinity Ch., Reading	54 10
		Rev. Trabert's Sunday School, Lebanon, for support of "R. Charlie"	30 00
		St. Paul's (Rev. Frick) Ch. in Philadelphia	12 00
		Other contributions	76 78
	"	W. A. Schmitthener, from Ev. Ministerium of N. Y	146 62
1883.			
Jan. 4.	"	Rev. J. Lauer, annual contribution of Mrs. Lizzie Hill, of Leechburg	5 00
2.	"	Rev. Fischer	238 50
11.	"	Brobst, Diehl & Co.—	
		Contributions of readers of Herold, Zeitschrift and Jugenfreund	84 80
	"	Rev. J. Fry, D. D.—	
		St. John's S. S., Philadelphia, per J. Heyl, Treasurer	100 00
		Rev. W. Rieb, Newark	80 00
	"	Estate of Rev. C. F. Heyer, deceased, per Rev. A. M. Whetstone, Ex. for the Rajahdmundry Station, &c.	300 00
13.	"	Rev. V. Setterdahl, Treasurer Lu. Aug. Synod	500 00

Jan.	22.	To cash, Rev. J. L. Harkey, from his Church in Mt. Pleasant, Pa.	$	10 00
		Rev. Fischer		242 10
	25.	" W. A. Schmitthener, Treasurer, as per list of Donations published in the Missionsbote		101 41
Feb.	26.	" Rev. Fischer		360 09
March	1.	" W. A. Schmitthener, Treasurer Ministerium of N. Y.		30 00
	12.	" Rev. E. Ham, St. John's Church, Charleston, S. C., support of a boy		30 00
Feb.	26.	" Rev. Fischer, for maps		14 81
Mar.	15.	" G. H. Dieckman, Vandalia, Ill		5 00
	20.	" Rev. J. Fry, D. D.—		
		Trinity S. S., Lancaster, Pa., for a scholar		30 00
		Trinity School, Lehighton		30 00
		St. John's Eng. Ch., Philadelphia.		100 00
		Rev. McHaime		25 35
		" T. T. Jaeger		12 00
		" H. Weicksel		11 00
		" H. N. Fegley		12 99
April	12.	" John Keck, Shannondale, for education of a girl		25 00
	2.	" Rev. Fischer		389 01
	20.	" Ewald Aver, Indianapolis, from his wife		25 00
May	7.	" Rev. Fischer		112 20
	14.	" " J. Fry, D. D.—		
		Rev. J. A. Schmidt, from Catechumens		17 00
		Rev. D. D. Trexler		6 00
		" J. J. Cressman		25 00
		" L. Groh, from a Friend of Missions		5 00
		" A. E. Erdman		60 00
		" A. P. Pfleuger		44 50
	14.	" St. Luke's S. S., of Philadelphia, for support of two scholars		50 00
		Rev. H. N. Fegley		13 00
		" W. J. Andres		7 00
	15.	" " J. Fry, D. D., from Zion's Missions Geselschaft		250 00
		" Mrs. C. Burkhalter, New York, per J. A. Geissenhainer, Esq		50 00
	16.	" Rev. J. Fry, D. D.—		
		St. James' S. S., Reading, for support of a scholar		30 00
		Ditto, for general work in India		71 50

		Interest on Wernle Legacy for Dr. Spaeth's congregation.....	$ 47 50
May 17.	To cash,	Brobst, Diehl & Co.—St. John's Luth. S. S., Allentown, for support of native teacher, William.....	60 00
	"	W. A. Schmitthener, Esq., Treasurer Ev. Luth. M., of New York, &c...	14 34
22.	"	Rev. R. M. Zimmerman, Pastor of Saltsburg Ch.....	4 72
June 4.	"	Rev. Fischer.....	67 24
5.	"	J. Fry, D. D., as follows: —	
		Rev. J. M. Anspach.....	50 00
		" E. J. Brownmiller.....	20 00
		" J. J. Cressman.....	8 22
		" J. A. Darmstetter.....	42 00
		" J. C. Dizinger.....	7 50
		" C. G. Fischer.....	15 00
		" G. F. Gardner.....	9 00
		" I. W. Gauker.....	15 50
		" H. Grahn.....	9 10
		" L. Groh.....	147 00
		" G. F. Guensch..	10 00
		" S. S. Henry.....	10 55
		" R. Hill.....	50 00
		" A. R. Horne.....	19 00
		" P. Isenschmid (for scholars)..	35 00
		" O. Leopold	100 00
		" F. P. Mayser.....	30 00
		" G. Mareller.....	5 00
		" I. E. Nidecker.....	10 00
		" A. P. Pflueger..	15 54
		" W. A. Schaeffer.....	5 00
		" F. J. F. Schantz.....	14 55
		" Dr. B. M. Schmucker.....	50 00
		" G. Leamor.....	5 00
		" H. E. Leamuel.....	26 60
		" Lewis Smith..	10 00
		" Dr. A. Spaeth.....	100 00
		" G. F. Spieker.....	3 40
		" W. H. Strauss..	10 00
		" D. D. Trexler..	18 38
		" J. H. Vost.....	2 00
		" F. Walz.....	50 00
		" J. F. Wampole.....	20 00
		" F. W. Weiskotten.....	50 00
		" F. Wisehan.....	50 00
		" T. T. Jaeger.....	38 00
		" P. F. Zizelman	20 00
		" J. B. Rath.....	30 00

		Rev. C. J. Cooper.....	$ 3 50	
		" J. Fry, D. D. (from Catechist)	50 00	
		Salem Ch., Lebanon.....	70 98	
		" " " (for scholars)..	30 00	
June 14.	To cash,	A. A. Klove—From Norwegian Aug. Synod.....	36 91	
	"	O. S. Styer, Treasurer S. S., Christ Ev. Luth. Ch., Chestnut Hill.....	6 00	
18.	"	G. H. Dieckman, Vandalia, Ill.....	5 00	
July 9.	"	Rev. Fischer.....	201 34	
12.	"	" S. Land, from W. Haupt, N.Y..	10 00	
20.	"	" S. Klingman, Ev. Lu. Salem's Congregation, near Ann Arbor.....	100 00	
Aug. 2.	"	W. A. Schmitthener, Esq., as per list published in Missionsbote.....	507 73	
7.	"	Rev. Fischer.....	118 45	
20.	"	" P. Riffer, Middle Lancaster, Pa., Zion's S. S.....	6 00	
		Mrs. F. Scott..	1 00	
		" Paul Koch.....	1 00	
		Unknown.....	10 00	
Sept. 5.	"	Rev. Fischer.....	200 55	
14.	"	W. A. Schmitthener, Esq., from New York Minist.....	56 00	
19.	"	Geo. H. Dieckman, Vandalia, Ill.....	5 00	
24.	"	Rev. Fiseher.....	44 50	
Oct. 8.	"	S. S. of St. Paul's Ev. Lu. Ch., for a young girl at the East India Mission	20 00	
16.	"	Rev. Fischer.....	45 26	
	"	" J. Fry, D. D—		
		Rev. D. Sanner.....	12 00	
		" H. N. Fegley.....	25 00	
		" H. N. Fegley.....	27 25	
	"	Interest from Bank.....	13 00	
	"	Overdrawn.....	19 84	
	"	From Missionsbote account.....	106 40	
				$7,255 52

1882. CR.

Oct. 23.	By cash,	Pilger Buchhandlung books for Library	$ 7 73	
Nov. 4.	"	Charles Kaufmann, coloring 1,000 Telugu Mission Maps.....	7 50	
Dec. 7.	"	Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 407, Marie Anderson.....	125 00	
	"	Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,446, Rev. H. C. Schmidt, balance..	133 87	
	"	Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,445, Rev. I. K. Paulsen.....	150 00	
	"	Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,447, Rev. H. G. B. Artman, balance....	165 74	

Dec. 26.	By cash, C. D. Regester—Germantown book for Rev. Fischer	$	42
28.	" General Electro Agency, St. Louis, Mo., 11 Electros for Mission	28	85
1883.	" John G. Maier, for books, &c	11	90
Jan. 2.	" Rev. C. G. Fischer, five months' salary as Agent	40	00
24.	" Mahlon Artman, for salary advanced Rev. Artman	100	00
Feb. 27.	" Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,492, Rev. I. K. Paulsen	150	00
	" Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,493, Rev. H. G. B. Artman	150	00
	" Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,491, Rev. F. S. Dietrich	250	00
	" Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 4,685, Marie Anderson	125	00
Mar. 10.	" Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,501, Rev. H. G. B. Artman £62 4s. 10d.	300	00
19.	" Brown Bros. & Co., Rev. H. G. B. Artman, £41 9s. 10d	200	00
31.	" Rev. F. Wischan, for books for Mission Committee	17	10
April 2.	" General Ex. Fund, contribution of W. A. Schmitthener, N. Y	52	00
	" Miss Belle Cane, from Rev. Dietrich's salary	10	00
	" Rev. Fischer's salary, as Agent, from Jan. 1, '82. to Jan. 4, '83	25	00
	" R. Joyce, one Electro cut for paper	3	00
	" Siebling Bros., one cash book		50
	" F. Walz, Basler Missions schriften	4	11
	" Rev. F. Wischan, books, expressage, &c.	9	35
24.	" Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,530, Rev. H. G. B. Artman, £103 8s. 3d.	500	00
	" Adams Express Co., sending account to Lancaster		25
May 7.	" Walter E. Herring, printing 100 envelopes	3	47
	" Walter E. Herring, printing 750 postal cards	9	25
	" Photo. Engraving Co., N. Y., mdse, per bill, and expressage	8	50
15.	" John G. Maier, for books, &c	10	35
	" Brown Bros. & Co., draft, Rev. H. C. Schmidt	500	00
June 16.	" F. Wischan, 16 electros	38	00
July 9.	" Rev. C. Fischer, salary to July 1, '83.	25	00

Dec. 20.	By cash,	Brown Bros. & Co., draft to Rev. Artman	250 00	
	"	Brown Bros. & Co., draft to Rev. Dietrich	250 00	
	"	Brown Bros. & Co., draft to Rev. Paulsen	150 00	
	"	Brown Bros. & Co., draft to M. Anderson	125 00	
Sept. 5.	"	Rev. C. G. Fischer, to wit: Mac-Kellar, Smith & Jordan, 1 electro & 2 cuts	1 00	
	"	MacKellar, Smith & Jordan, 1 electro and 5 cuts	3 00	
	"	Rev. Walz, for papers, &c	2 65	
	"	" " "	5 35	
	"	" F. Wischan, books for Mission Library	14 35	
24.	"	Brown Bros. & Co., draft to Rev. Schmidt	300 00	
	"	Brown Bros. & Co., draft to M. Anderson	125 00	
	"	Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,602, to Rev. Artman, £51 15s. 3d	250 00	
	"	Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,603, to Rev. Dietrich	250 00	
	"	Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,604, to Rev. Paulsen	150 00	
	"	Brown Bros. & Co., draft No. 8,605, general expenses	1,000 00	
	"	Rev. F. Wischan, 12 electros, imported	39 75	
	"	Rev. C. G. Fischer, salary to Jan. 10, '83	25 00	
Oct. 16.	"	J. T. McCready, fr. Rev. Artman's salary	100 00	
	"	Rev. B. M. Schmucker, stationery	8 00	
	"	Brown Bros. & Co., draft to Rev. Artman, expenses	500 00	
	"	Walter E. Herring, printing addresses, &c	3 00	
	"	Transferred to Missionsbote account	44 50	
	"	Amount due by this account for printing postal cards, &c., charged to Missionsbote	9 92	
	"	Overdrawn last year—see account	487 11	
				$7,255

Having thoroughly examined this account on this day and date, we hereb certify that the same is correct in all its parts, amounts and balances.

Signed, JNO. C. FILE,
F. WISCHAN,
Committee.

PHILADELPHIA, October 16, 1883.

Missionsbote Account.

1882. DR.

Nov. 6.	To cash	balance on hand		$1,055 49
27.	"	received from Rev. C. G. Fischer, as acknowledged in the Missionsbote	161 25	
29.	"	John C. File	85 00	
1883.				
Jan. 2.	"	Rev. C. G. Fischer	168 57	
22.	"	"	388 29	
Feb. 26.	"	"	494 44	
Apr. 2.	"	"	291 61	
May 7.	"	"	289 72	
June 4.	"	"	102 91	
July 9.	"	"	76 27	
Aug. 7.	"	"	162 45	
Sept. 5.	"	"	69 06	
21.	"	ret'd from the Emigranten Mission	500 00	
24.	"	Rev. Fischer	106 40	
Oct. 16.	"	"	47 10	
16.	"	fr. Foreign Miss. acct	44 50	
16.	"	fr. Foreign Miss. acct. share due for printing postal cards, &c., paid by this acct	9 92	2,997 49
				$4,052 98

1882. CR.

Oct. 14.	By cash,	Walter E. Herring, Missionsbote for November	124 50	
31.	"	Postage (P. O.), .04, $1.20, $2.78, $7.68	12 70	
31.	"	Walter E. Herring, postage on November No	1 51	
Nov. 18.	"	Walter E. Herring, printing Missionsbote for December	124 50	
Dec. 4.	"	Postage (P. O.), .02, .08, .40, $13.04	13 54	
4.	"	Walter E. Herring, postage December No., foreign copies	1 50	
9.	"	Walter E. Herring, printing 350 title pages	3 75	
15.	"	Walter E. Herring, printing Missionsbote, January No	124 50	
30.	"	Walter E. Herring, 500 extra copies January No	3 50	
1883.				
Jan. 3.	"	Postage (P. O.), .20, $2.74, $2.90, $3.00, $5.00	13 84	
3.	"	Walter E. Herring, postage on January No	1 84	

Jan.	8.	By cash,	Walter E. Herring, printing postal cards	$ 9 75
	19.	"	Walter E. Herring, printing Missionsbote, February No	128 25
	27.	"	Walter E. Herring, prtg envelopes	5 95
Feb.	1.	"	Walter E. Herring, printing 700 postal cards	8 50
	5.	"	Postage (P. O.), .10, .14, .16, .20, $4.90, $5.80	11 30
	5.	"	Walter E. Herring, postage on February No	1 47
	10.	"	Walter E. Herring, printing Missionsbote, March No	128 00
	16.	"	Walter E. Herring, printing copies of January No., etc	17 68
Mar.	6.	"	Postage (P. O.), .06, .10, .10, .14, .36, $3.00, $3.70, $4.30, $5.44	17 20
	6.	"	Walter E. Herring, postage on March No	1 80
	17.	"	Walter E. Herring, printing Missionsbote, April No	128 00
April	7.	"	Postage, .14, .20, .46, $2.56, $2.90, $3.68, $4.40	14 34
	7.	"	Walter E. Herring, postage on copies of April No	1 36
	10.	"	Walter E. Herring, printing Missionsbote, May No	131 50
	2.	"	Walter E. Herring, 500 copies March No	4 00
	2.	"	Rev. Fischer, postage	3 60
May	1.	"	Postage (P. O.), .02, 04, 08, .10, .10, .12, $1.64, $3.26, $3.28, $5.30	13 94
	1.	"	Walter E. Herring, postage on foreign copies of May	1 44
	7.	"	Walter E. Herring, printing 1000 extra copies of April No	7 00
	16.	"	Walter E. Herring, printing Missionsbote, June No	134 50
	28.	"	P. O., .04, .04, .06, $2.72, $4.80, $5.72	13 44
	28.	"	Walter E. Herring, postage on foreign copies, June	1 62
June	9.	"	Walter E. Herring, printing Missionsbote, July No	134 50
	23.	"	Walter E. Herring, envelopes and postals, etc	5 87
July	10.	"	Walter E. Herring, printing Missionsbote, August No	134 50

July	10.	By cash, Postage (P. O.), .02, .02, .04, .06, .06, .08, .12, $2.40, $3.78, $6.36...	$ 12 94		
	10.	" Walter E. Herring, postage on foreign copies, July.....	1 48		
Aug.	1.	" Postage (P. O.), .06, .06, .10, .12, $2.80, $3.30, $6.68.....	13 12		
	4.	" Loaned to Emigration Miss.....	500 00		
	4.	" Walter E. Herring, postage on foreign copies, August.....	1 60		
	7.	" Walter E. Herring, printing Missions-bote, September No.....	134 50		
	7.	" Postage, .02, .02, .06, .08, $5.90, $7.06	13 14		
	7.	" Walter E. Herring, postage on foreign copies, September No.....	1 59		
Sept.	17.	" Walter E. Herring, printing Missions-bote, October No	134 50		
Oct.	9.	" Postage (P. O.), .04, .04, .04, .14, .22, $3.48, $4.90, $5.12.....	13 98		
	9.	" Walter E. Herring, postage for copies October No.....	1 52		
	16.	" Transferred to Foreign Miss. acct.....	106 40		
		Balance on hand.....	1,633 48		
					$4,052 98

The above account having been examined by us this date, we hereby certify the same to be correct in every part, amount and balance.

Signed, JOHN C. FILE,
F. WISCHAN,
Committee.

PHILADA., Oct. 16, 1883.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY.

1883. DR.

Jan.	2.	To cash, Rev. C. G. Fischer.....	$ 37 36		
	22.	" " "	65 94		
Feb.	24.	" " "	74 04		
Jan.	4.	" Rev. I. Lauer, from Mrs. Lizzie Hill..	50		
April	2.	" Rev. Fischer.....	14 85		
May	7.	" "	13 16		
June	4.	" "	56 19		
July	9.	" "	9 29		
Aug.	7.	" "	24 33		
Sept.	5.	" "	24 76		
Oct.	16.	" "	15 40		
	16.	" Craig, Finley & Co., on acct of mis-take in bill of July 16, 1883.....	75		
		Overdrawn	329 91		
					$ 666 48

1882. CR.

Nov.	29.	By cash, Craig, Finley & Co.—Foreign Mis-sionary and postage, October No..	51 45		

Nov. 29.	By cash,	Craig, Finley & Co.—Foreign Missionary and postage, November No.	$ 51 15	
1883.				
Jan. 9.	"	Craig, Finley & Co.—Foreign Missionary and postage, December No..	51 57	
Mar. 29.	"	Craig, Finley & Co.—Foreign Missionary and postage, January No..	53 17	
April 1.	"	Overdrawn last year (see acct).....	105 00	
23.	"	Craig, Finley & Co.—Foreign Missionary and postage, February No..	52 51	
23.	"	Craig, Finley & Co.—Foreign Missionary and postage, March No...	43 08	
30.	"	Craig, Finley & Co.—Foreign Missionary and postage, April No.....	43 07	
June 18.	"	Craig, Finley & Co.—Foreign Missionary and postage, May No.....	43 08	
July 16.	"	Craig, Finley & Co.—Foreign Missionary and postage, June No.....	43 80	
Aug. 3.	"	Craig, Finley & Co.—Foreign Missionary and postage, July No.....	42 86	
Sept. 7.	"	Craig, Finley & Co.—Foreign Missionary and postage, August No..	43 03	
		Craig, Finley & Co.—Foreign Missionary and postage, Sept. No.....	42 65	
				$ 666 48

The above account having been thoroughly examined by us this date, we hereby certify the same to be correct in all its parts, amounts and balances.

Signed,

JOHN C. FILE,
F. WISCHAN,
Committee.

OCT. 16, 1883.

GENERAL EXPENSE FUND, 1882–'83.

DR.

1882.				
Nov. 27.	To cash,	Rev. Wischan, from Pittsburgh Synod.....	$ 136 00	
27.	"	Rev. S. Klingmann, Ann Arbor, Mich.....	25 00	
1883.				
Mar. 29.	"	Rev. J. Fry, D. D., Pa. Ministerium..	200 00	
April 1.	"	For. Miss. acct., (erroneously entered there in last year's acct).....	52 00	
4.	"	W. A. Schmitthener, N. Y. Minist..	67 00	
2.	"	" " " ...	39 25	
Oct. 6.	"	Rev. Weiskotten, for Reports.....	9 00	
16.	"	From Emigranten Miss., from G. W. Frederick, Philada.....	222 45	
	'	Overdrawn	36 42	
				$ 787 12

1882. CR.

Nov. 27.	By cash, overdrawn (vide last report).....	2 36		
27.	" Janitor St. Paul's Church, Lancaster, O.....	10 00		
27.	" Rev. E. Huber, two-thirds amount of traveling expenses.....	85 00		
1883.				
Mar. 16.	" Walter E. Herring, on acct of bill for German minutes.....	100 00		
May 9.	" Rev. E. Belfour, on acct of printing, mailing, &c., of English minutes..	175 00		
9.	" Rev. E. Belfour, postage and binding..	3 50		
17.	" Walter E. Herring, on acct of bill for German minutes.....	75 00		
Sept. 19.	" Murdoch, Kerr & Co., bal. printing English minutes.....	28 52		
Oct. 6.	" Walter E. Herring, printing For. Miss. reports.....	28 00		
6.	" Walter E. Herring, postage and wrapping German minutes.....	37 58		
6.	" Walter E. Herring, bal. printing German minutes.....	52 00		
	" Transferred to Emigranten Mission, for Rev. Neuman's salary.....	190 16		
			$	787 12

Examined, compared with the vouchers, and found correct.

Signed,

W. A. Schmitthener,
Josiah Klingensmith,
John B. Zimmele.

New York, Oct. 19, 1883.

Miscellaneous Accounts.

Emigranten Mission.

1882. DR.

Oct. 5.	To balance from former acct.....	250 00		
1883.				
Feb. 27.	" Rev. G. W. Frederick, Philada.....	222 45		
April 6.	" Overdrawn	2 55		
			$	475 00

1883. CR.

Mar. 15.	By cash, M. M. Budlong, for salary due from General Council.....	475 00		
			$	475 00

1883. DR.

Aug. 14.	To cash borrowed from acct of the Missionsbote.....$	500 00		
Sept. 21.	" Mr. Robt. Frederick, excr of the estate of L. W. Habel, Culersburg, Wis.....	932 40		

Oct. 16.	To cash, Borrowed from the General Expense Fund for Rev. Neumann's salary.....	$ 190 16			
				$1,622	56

1883. CR.

Aug. 14.	By cash, M. M. Budlong, Esq., attorney for Rev. Neumann.....	$ 500 00			
Sept. 21.	" F. W. Horne, Esq., expenses in re estate of L. W. Habel, decd.....	30 90			
21.	" Returned amt loaned to Missionsbote..	500 00			
21.	" W. E. Knowles, Esq., acknowledgment on receipt for legacy of Habal estate.....	50			
Oct. 16.	" Amt recd from Rev. G. W. Frederick to the Gen. Exp. Fund.....	222 45			
16.	" M. Budlong, Esq., attorney for Rev. Neumann.....	366 16			
16	" Overdrawn, April 1.....	2 55			
				$1,622	56

Gossner Mission in Berlin.

1882. DR.

Oct. 2.	To cash, Rev. Fischer.....	$ 5 00			
				$ 5	00

1882. CR.

Nov. 22.	By cash, Rev. Wischan.....	$ 5 00			
				$ 5	00

Emigranten House in New York.

1882. DR.

Oct. 6.	To cash, Rev. Wischan.....	$ 4 00			
6.	" " Fischer	2 00			
				$ 6	00

Mission in Hermannsburg.

1882. DR.

Oct. 2.	To cash, Rev. Fischer.....	$ 32 50			
				$ 32	50

1882. CR.

Nov. 22.	By cash, Rev. Wischan	$ 32 50			
				$ 32	50

Indianer Mission.

1880. DR.

Oct. 9.	To cash, Rev. Wischan.....	$ 2 00			
1881.					
Feb. 5.	" "	3 75			
1882.					
Jan. 28.	" "	2 00			
				$ 7	75

1881. CR.

Oct.	By cash	2 00			
1882.					
Dec. 12.	" Rev. V. Setterdahl, Treasurer Swed. Aug. Synod.....	5 75			
				$ 7	75

We the undersigned have carefully examined in all their parts, amounts and balances, the various individual accounts of the Treasurer, except the General Expense Fund, and certify to their correctness.

Signed,

JOHN C. FILE,
F. WISCHAN,
Committee.

PHILADA., Oct. 16, 1883.

The minutes of the District Synods were handed in and referred to the following Committee: Revs. L. Konig, F. J. F. Schantz, D. M. Kemerer, J. H. Hunton, C. J. Petri, F. Veit, S. Wagenhals and S. Klingman, and Messrs. Sackman, H. Van der Smissen, A. B. Lilja and A. W. Potteiger.

On motion it was determined to omit the afternoon session on Saturday.

The consideration of the Home Mission work was made the special order for Friday afternoon, the report of the English Committee to be read first.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. Laird.

SECOND SESSION.

Oct. 19, 9 A. M.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. D. M. Kemerer. The roll was called and the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Revs. G. H. Trabert and D. M. Kemerer were appointed to prepare brief reports of our proceedings for the secular press.

The NINETY-FIVE THESES OF LUTHER were taken up for discussion. By previous appointment Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs opened the discussion by giving a judicious explanation of the Theses in their general scope. A very earnest discussion ensued in which many members participated.

As the three Committees having charge of the General Home Mission operations of the General Council will report only on their special work, the Committee on minutes of District Synods was instructed to report what has been done during the past year by the several Synods in the department of Home Mission work.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. H. Gilbert.

THIRD SESSION.

Oct. 19th, 2.30 P. M.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. Brezing. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

Resolved, That this evening, after addresses on Foreign Missions, the consideration of this whole subject shall be taken up in the usual order of business.

The report of the English Committee on Home Missions, the regular order, was postponed to hear the report of the Committee on Infant School Hymn Book.

Report of the Committee on Infant Class Hymn Book.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Hymn and Tune Book for Infant Classes, submit the following report:

Four meetings have been held by the Committee. At the first meeting, in Easton, March 27th, 1883, the following general principles were agreed upon to govern the Committee in the preparation of the book:

1. That the book be made for use with the smallest children in the family, as well as in the Sunday School; and that to this end it contain a selection of nursery songs, lullabies and other songs of a religious character for home use, together with short morning, evening and table prayers.

2. That an Order of Service for the opening and closing of an Infant Department be inserted.

3. That in the selection of hymns, the order of the Church year be observed.

4. That an effort be made to secure good translations of suitable hymns from the German and Scandinavian.

5. That the number of hymns be not over one hundred and twenty-five.

6. That the book be a separate work.

Guided by these principles, the Committee have been at work gathering their material. Such of the hymns in the S. S. Book as were found adapted to the use of small children, have been retained, and to some of them new tunes have been set. The rest of the hymns have so far come from a great variety of sources, perhaps, chief among them, "The Children's Hymn Book," by Mrs. Carey Brock.

The Committee have also on hand for future consideration a number of translations from the German and Scandinavian, and more are promised.

The Committee had hoped to be able to present the completed MS. at this meeting of the Council, but regret to say that they found this impossible. The very fact that the material must be gathered from such a variety of sources—some of them foreign, necessitating the importation of books—has made the Committee's work a tedious and somewhat difficult one. Then, too, there is not now, so far as the Committee has been able to learn, a single book of the kind proposed in existence in the English language, and the task of gathering into a single volume over one hundred hymns and tunes especially adapted to small children is, therefore, a new one. At the same time the Committee have sought to be very careful in their selections; and though there is a vast amount of matter which passes under the name of hymns and tunes for children, and out of which a book of some kind might have been hastily constructed, the Committee have adhered to the principle of choosing only that which combines child-like simplicity with substantial merit. This principle has been made to apply both to words and music.

So far as completed, the MS. is herewith submitted for examination; and, if approved, and it be not in conflict with the practice of the Council in such matters, the Committee would ask to be allowed to proceed with the publication of the same, as soon as finished, so as to put the book into the hands of those who are waiting for it, as soon as possible. The Committee further recommend the following title for the book, "The Little Children's Hymn Book, with Tunes, for use in Infant Schools and Families."

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. Ohl,
F. F. Buermeyer,
T. Heilig,
M. H. Richards,
W. K. Frick,
Committee.

The report was taken up for consideration.

Items 1 and 2 were approved.

Item 3. The order of arrangements of the hymns, in so far as determined upon, is herewith submitted for the consideration of the Council. After it was read, it was—*Resolved*, That the order of arrangements, as submitted, be approved.

Item 5. The number of hymns shall be about one hundred and twenty-five.

The first lines of the hymns thus far selected were read for information of the Council.

The Committee was instructed to complete the book and submit it to the Church Book Committee, and when approved by that Committee, to publish it.

The name of the book is left to the decision of the Church Book Committee.

The report, as a whole, was adopted.

The Secretary of the English Home Mission Committee presented a very full report, and the Treasurer read his report. The reports are as follows :

English Home Missions.

The Committee on English Home Missions, elected at the last Convention of the General Council, under the new arrangements then made, held its first meeting November 27th, 1882, and organized by the election of Rev. G. F. Krotel, D. D., chairman ; Rev. S. Laird, Secretary, and Mr. Peter A. Keller, Treasurer. The Rev. Reuben Hill, of Allentown, Pa., and Mr. Reuben B. Miller, of Philadelphia, were elected the additional members of the Committee, authorized by the Council.

Two Missions, both located at Chicago, had been under the charge of the former Committee, and were transferred to our care. The Rev. G. H. Trabert was also under appointment as Missionary at Minneapolis, and the agreement made with him was confirmed.

Letters were received and read, indicating different fields for missionary operations, and offers of services were made for this work. The Committee did not feel justified however in undertaking anything more at that time than what we had on hand ; the only exception made to this during the year being the Toledo Mission. A communication was received from the Council of the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Toledo, Ohio, stating that they were without a Pastor, and asking for assistance to the amount of $500 a year towards their support, and that if this aid was not granted they would be compelled to abandon the enterprise. A Mission had been started here about two years before and had been maintained amid discouragements and difficulties. The people were anxious to have English services, and had shown

commendable zeal in securing them. Their application was pressed also by the Missionary President of the District Synod of Ohio and by other brethren who knew the importance and necessities of the field and the urgency of the case. The Committee were unwilling to allow all that had been gained to be lost by abandoning the Mission, and were well aware that if given up now it would have to be undertaken again at some future time under greater disadvantage. An experienced Pastor had been elected by the congregation, who pledged to him part of his support, and he was willing to accept the charge, provided the necessary aid was given. Under these circumstances the Committee resolved to grant the request of the Church Council, and take the Mission under its care jointly with the District Synod of Ohio, in whose bounds it was located, and who also guaranteed part of the Pastor's salary.

The first and most important thing demanding our attention was to provide the necessary means for carrying on the work committed to us. A debt of $1,671.50 had been transferred from the former Committee, and the treasury was nearly exhausted. After due consideration it was resolved to issue a circular to the churches, stating the case, and setting forth the greatness and needs of the field in which we had to operate. It was accordingly written and printed, and 22,500 copies of it were distributed among the congregations of the General Council using the English language. Although the response to it was not as great as we had hoped, nevertheless it was our sole reliance outside of the help extended by the Executive Committee of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, which was the only Synod which contributed anything directly from its treasury to ours during the year. We feel very grateful to this venerable body, and also to the churches and individuals who gave to the support of our Missions, and hereby extend to them our sincere thanks. The whole amount received was $5,050,-52, and the amount expended, $4,324.57. The debt was reduced from $1,671.50 to $1,000, and the interest on it was paid.

The following is a brief account of the state of the Missions and of what they are doing.

Trinity Mission, Chicago, Ill.

The Rev. C. Koerner is Pastor of this church. A considerable part of his time has been employed in prosecuting the work of erecting the new church, standing at the corner of La Salle and

Elm streets. The building is completed externally, and is said to be an attractive structure. The basement is now being finished, and is expected to be ready for occupancy by the 10th of November. The Missionary has been actively engaged in collecting the means for this work, both in Chicago and elsewhere, in which he has been heartily assisted by his people, so that by their united efforts a considerable sum of money has been raised. Still, much remains to be done in this direction. A mortgage of $12,000 rests on the property for money borrowed from Thiel College, and in addition to this there is a floating debt of $2,100, and $1,200 more at least are required to finish the basement. It is expected, however, that these two latter sums will be paid off by spring.

Mr. Koerner says: "Attendance at Church and Sunday School, has been good even during the warm weather, and there is every indication that it will be much better when we get into our own home as quite a number of families have already signified their intention of uniting with us as soon as we get out of our present quarters. The interest on the debt and the current expenses have been promptly met, and the Treasurer tells me the regular revenues are better than they have been since he has been in office. Altogether we feel very hopeful, and unless all signs fail, another year or two will make a marked change in the Mission." The parochial report is as follows: Baptized, 12; married, 6; buried, 7; dismissed, 1; removed, 1; received by transfer, 10; confirmed, 28; communed, 130; largest attendance at Sunday School, 237.

Wicker Park Mission, Chicago, Ill.

Rev. F. C. C. Kæhler took charge of this Mission June 17, 1882. It is located in a part of Chicago where there is a large gathering of Lutheran families, the parents of which are of foreign birth, and are connected with congregations using the language with which they are familiar, but many of them have no church connection. The work here is, therefore, largely among the young people who are growing up in American life and language, and who, but for this Mission would be left largely without religious instruction. It will take years of patient and persevering labor to gather and weld together these diverse elements into a harmonious, active, self-sustaining congregation.

The church property consists of a fine frame building 45x80 feet, with room enough on the rear of the lot on which it stands for a

parsonage. There is a debt of $4,200, of which $1,700 are in a mortgage and $2,500 in bonds of $25 each at 4 per cent. interest. Most of these bonds it is expected will be presented to the congregation.

The Ladies' Aid Society, a very active body, pays not only all the interest on the mortgage, but is very materially reducing the principal.

The Missionary says: Our general attendance at services is from 40 to 80. Our basket collections during the last year amounted to $50 more than ever before. That the field which we occupy is a promising one can be seen from the size of our Sunday School. These children are very nearly all children of Lutheran parents, and even if the English Lutheran Church is not the home of their parents, it will be their home, if we do our work here as it should be done. By the blessing of God there is harmony and peace among us now. May He in His infinite mercy preserve this blessing to us, and keep us steadfast in the true faith." The following is the Parochial report: Number of members, 48; confirmed, 3; received by transfer, 7; adult baptized, 1; infants baptized, 6; marriages, 4; burials, 7; pupils in the Sunday School, 250.

The Minneapolis Mission.

The Rev. G. H. Trabert, formerly of Lebanon, Penna., who had been called to establish a mission at Minneapolis, Minn., by the former Committee, reached that city January 11, 1883, and held his first service January 14th. The church building, which had been purchased for the mission, was still occupied by the Swedish congregation, its former owners, and was used jointly by them and the mission until the last Sunday in February, when the Swedes took possession of their new church, and thereafter English services were held regularly. On March 11th, a Sunday School was commenced with seven scholars which has since increased to fifty enrolled members. On April 8th the first communion was celebrated, when six persons participated; at the second celebration, June 10th, fourteen persons communed. On Trinity Sunday steps were taken to effect an organization. Subsequently a constitution was adopted and also articles of incorporation. Trustees were elected and the articles of incorporation were duly recorded according to law. The mission has already met with serious loss by the death or removal of four of its members, the death being that of a young man who had been confirmed at the second communion service.

The church property consists of a lot of ground 132x165 feet, on

which stands the frame chapel. It is well located, being opposite the Court House on a prominent street, near the business centre of the city, and easily accessible. Its cost including taxes and interest to April 1, 1883, was about $9,700. It was purchased and held for the mission by Dr. W. A Passavant, who, with his wife, has executed a legal document, "setting forth the object for which the property was purchased and the amount paid, and that as soon as the congregation was received into a Synod in connection with the General Council, and makes arrangements for the liquidation of the debt, by giving a mortgage payable on or before six years from date, with interest at 6 per cent annually, it would receive the deed for the property." "This bond is in the hands of the Trustees." The building needed considerable repairing which has been done in part, by means of funds collected by the Missionary for that purpose. Bro. Trabert makes a strong appeal for aid to reduce the debt which the mission has been compelled to assume in order to secure this valuable property. As it is now the congregation is unable to bear this burden and also pay its current expenses, but if the principal of the debt were lessened so that the people could carry it for a few years by paying the interest, the permanence and success of the mission would be assured.

St. Paul Mission, Minn.

Mr. Trabert also commenced a Mission at St. Paul, holding his first service there January 28th in the Swedish Lutheran Church. As this building could not be had at stated and convenient times for English services, efforts were made to rent a hall and also to secure a lot on which to erect a chapel. Although diligent search was made, owing to the high price asked for any suitable place, months passed before success was attained. At length the dining room of Sherman Hall was rented at nine dollars a Sunday, for which the Missionary and a friend became jointly responsible. Shortly afterwards a lot was bargained for, located on Sixth street, between Franklin and Exchange streets, near the geographical centre of the city, and a few blocks distant from the business portion. It is 60 by 120 feet and cost $5,500, of which $3,300 were allowed to remain on a mortgage at eight per cent., and $2,200 had to be paid in cash. Very earnest efforts were at once made to raise the latter sum. St. Paul was canvassed for contributions, appeals by letter and in the church papers were sent to friends in the East, and at length the necessary amount was obtained and paid August 20, and the lot became the property of the Mission. On July 28,

a frame building was found which could be moved onto the lot and fitted up for a chapel. It was purchased and used for divine services July 29, and the Mission thus released from the payment of the exorbitant rent demanded for the hall. The chapel, with its furniture, cost $450. It was moved onto the lot purchased, and on September 23d consecrated to the worship of God.

A congregation has been organized by the adoption of a constitution and articles of incorporation, which have been legally recorded, and the election of Deacons and Trustees. The first communion was administered July 15 to twelve persons. Having a place for worship a Sunday School will now be commenced, and the work of ingathering actively prosecuted, and as soon as possible a class of catechumens will be formed.

The Missionary was assisted in this work by Mr. A. J. D. Haupt, of the Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, who spent his summer vacation in St. Paul, and rendered valuable aid in the collection of the much needed funds, and in various other ways.

Concerning this Mission and the one at Minneapolis, Mr. Trabert writes: "In looking back on the months which have passed we can see that God's blessing has attended the work, although there may not have been that rapid progress as to numbers, which perhaps the most sanguine friends of this particular mission work had anticipated. But when we look at the peculiar difficulties under which we must labor, and then at the beginning which has been made, we have reason to thank God and take courage. The great bulk of the Americans here were originally from New England, and it is astonishing to observe the ignorance with reference to the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Many are under the impression that it is a foreign church, which of course will be or ought to be abandoned, as soon as Americanized; and it will take some time before we can hope to be recognized as anything except a foreign church. Yet with all this your Missionary has no reason to be discouraged, but we look forward with confidence that God will prosper the work so that in due time the Lutheran Church will impress itself upon the people in the language of the people."

Red Wing, Minn.

On February 1st, Mr. Trabert commenced English services in the Swedish Lutheran Church at Red Wing, and continued to hold them at intervals until at length a regular service was established

for every other Friday evening. As the Mission has no place of its own in which it can meet, no organization has been effected, but it is contemplated to form a class for instruction in the Catechism in the English language. The Missionary reports the field to be very promising, and thinks that another Pastor should be stationed here to look after this and the neighboring places.

Toledo, Ohio.

The Rev. S. L. Harkey, D. D., was elected Pastor of the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Toledo, and entered upon his duties there March 15, 1883. On the following Sunday he preached his introductory sermon, and administered the Communion on the first Sunday after Easter. The congregation worshipped in a hall for which they were paying rent at the rate of $200 per annum. The efforts of the Missionary during these six months of his presence in Toledo, have been largely directed to securing a place of worship owned by the congregation. Early in the summer a suitable lot was found in a very desirable location at the corner of Oliver and Harrison streets, two squares from one of the large German Lutheran Churches, and a like distance from the prospective Union Passenger Railway depot. The lot is 50 by 150 feet, large enough for church and parsonage, and cost $1,500. Of this sum $300 were raised and paid by the congregation, and the remainder was divided into two equal parts, payable in three and five years, with six per cent. interest. An excellent set of plans was procured from a German Lutheran architect for the nominal sum of fifteen dollars. The building is frame, full Gothic in style, 34 by 55 feet, with a vestibule 5 by 12 feet, a pulpit recess 4 by 8 feet, and two rear rooms 12 by 15 feet each. The ceiling is 29 feet high in the centre. The building is now in course of construction, and when completed promises to be one of the handsomest churches of its size and cost in the city. It is estimated to hold three hundred people and to cost $2,000. One-half of this amount has been raised, and the Missionary is making active exertions to collect the remainder.

Dr. Harkey says: "The prospects of the Mission are exceedingly encouraging, and the material very abundant, but all seems to depend at present upon our success in completing this house of worship. One of our greatest difficulties and hindrances is the limited means of our people. All are laboring people or clerks, with some engineers on the railroads. It is impossible to obtain any one to give any time and attention to our work. Everything

has fallen on the Missionary; not only the collection of the funds, but the superintendence of the building of the church and everything. It is with great reluctance that we ask the church at large for help to enable us to complete our house of worship, and yet I am safe in saying that at no place east or west is the want of help greater and more imperatively demanded, and at no place is there greater assurance of more immediate and profitable results."

The parochial report is: Received by letter, 3; by (adult) baptism, 2; lost by removal, 3; baptized (infants), 3; funerals, 3; marriages, 3. The services have been regularly held and the Sunday School conducted in the rented hall.

In addition to the work of the above stationed Missionaries, the Rev. Prof. R. F. Weidner has been engaged in visiting various Swedish congregations in connection with the Augustana Synod, and holding services in the English language. No organization has as yet been effected through these efforts, but by means of them such interest will be awakened and such progress made, as that the Committee can intelligently determine where to locate Missions and station Missionaries.

We have only entered upon the great field of Mission work which lies open so invitingly before us. A commencement has been made, but its promise is rich in an abundant ingathering. Many are anxiously looking to us to provide for them the ministrations of the Word and Sacraments, and we look to the Church to provide the means to meet these spiritual wants. Can we not ask our Pastors to co-operate with us by bringing the facts of the case to the attention of their congregations and soliciting their help, and can we not ask our people by contributions from their means, and by the sustaining power of their prayers, to enable us to continue and press forward in the blessed and holy work which the Lord has committed to our care?

SAMUEL LAIRD,
Secretary of the Committee.

Philadelphia, Oct. 15, 1883.

Treasurer's Account.

P. D. KELLER, *Treasurer, in account with*
English Committee on Home Missions of the General Council.

1882.		DR.	
Nov.	8.	To balance—Cash from T. H. Lane, treasurer..$	10 19
1883.			
Jan.	3.	To cash—Rev. J. Fry, Min. Penn'a, salary charge, 3 mos.....	450 00

Jan.	3.	To cash—Rev. J. Fry, Min., general purposes		150 00
	5.	To S. S. Rochester—C. S. Kohler, semi-annual collection		60 00
	5.	To cash, lady, St. Paul's, Phil'a, Rev. W. K. Frick		2 50
	9.	To cash—Per Dr. Krotel, Emily A. Zollickoffer		10 00
	9.	To cash—Per Dr. Krotel, Henry H. Ansderoh		5 00
	9.	To cash—Per Dr. Krotel, Henry Bohm		5 00
	16.	To Rev. F. W. Kohler, Franklin, Pa		10 00
	29.	To Mrs. Henry D. Welsh		5 00
	29.	To per Dr. Seiss, from Maria, a little girl		1 60
Feb.	9.	To a cheerful giver		5 00
	14.	To Geo. A. Dieckmann, Tr. St. James, Vandalia, Ills		11 75
	17.	To F Byerly		50 00
	17.	To Chas. Neff	Per H. B.—For	100 00
	17.	To John S. Heyle	object to be here-	100 00
	17.	To H. B	after designated	100 00
	17.	To Dr. Beates	by the Com	50 00
	17.	To John W. Wartman		20 00
	17.	To L. P. Keller		10 00
	17.	To Mary E. Showalter, Norristown, Pa		5 00
	21.	To A. Hertzel, Warren, Pa		10 00
	23.	To A Luth. Christian, N. Y. City		1 00
Mar.	2.	To Rev. E. Greenwald, D. D., a friend in Lancaster		10 00
	3.	To per "H. B.," J. F. J		50 00
	3.	To " " Lawrence Shuster		5 00
	7.	To John Sander, children's savings, Ridgeway		3 00
	8.	To Rev. J. Sarver, from S. S., Leechburg, Pa.,		26 00
	15.	To C. A. Fondersmith, Lancaster, Pa		5 00
	15.	To per C. A. Fondersmith, from Grace Luth. S. S., Lancaster, Pa		5 00
	22.	To Rev. A. N. Bartholomew, Mt. Calvary, Chartiers, Pa		10 00
	24.	To G. H. Dieckman, Vandalia, Ills		5 00
	27.	To Rev. S. Laird, Edward Cline		5 00
	27.	To " " Mary A. Rabzell		1 00
	31.	To Rev. W. A. C. Mueller, St. John's, Connellsville, Pa		8 00
	31.	To Prof. W. H. Richards, from Trinity, Catasauqua		11 00
April	2.	To Rev. F. Richards, annual contribution, Mrs. and Miss Notestine		1 00

April	2.	To F. W. Kohler, from the Meals family, Cherry Tree, Pa	2 00
	2.	To Jas. Sheaffer, Tr., Easter offer'g, 1st Eng. Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, Pa	373 14
	3.	To Rev. J. M. Anspaach, Easton, Pa	25 00
	5.	To Rev. E. Greenewald, D. D., Lancaster, Pa., a friend	10 00
	5.	To A. B. Burkhart, treasurer Christ Evang'l Lutheran S. S., Lancaster	10 00
	5.	To Rev. H. Peters, Cong., Saegertown, Pa	25 50
	6.	Rev. J. Fry, Tr. Minn. P., from Trinity S. S., Reading, for Eng. Mission, Toledo	75 00
	7.	To T. R. Davis, Tr., the Easter offering, St. Mark's, Phil'a	383 30
	9.	To Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, Selins Grove, Pa	5 00
	9.	To per " " 12 on 25c plan	3 00
	18.	To Rev. S. A. Ziegenfuss, Bath, Pa	5 50
	23.	To J. S. Heyl, Tr., St. John's S. S. Mission Society, N. Y	125 00
	24.	To Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D., Pres. Minn. Pa	50 00
	28.	To Rev. R. S. Wagner, Synod of Pa	4 00
	30.	To C. O. Frankenburg, S. S. 1st Eng. Luth., Columbus, O	10 00
May	1.	To W. H. Zinser, Treas., Coll'n, St. Michael's, Germantown	75 00
	8.	To Geo. G. Kip, Jr., N. Y	100 00
	14.	To per J. Fry, D. D., Rev. J. J. Kessman	40 00
	14.	" " " W. J. Andres	7 00
	14.	" " " J. F. Ohl	20 42
June	5.	To Mrs. Louisa M. Sommer, Phil'a	20 00
	5.	To J. P. Aumont, Ch. Holy Com'n, Phil'a	10 00
	7.	To Rev. G. H. Gerberding, Fairview Ch., Jewett, O	47 04
		Zion's Ch., German	29 00
		St. Paul's, Annapolis	25 05
		St. Bartholomew's, New Rumley	24 25
		Rev. J. Ash, Shannondale, Pa., from members of Zion's Bethel and St. Matthew's Congregations of Red Bank Charge	25 00
	9.	To Rev. Enoch Smith, Salems, Bethlehem, Pa	23 00
	13.	To G. H. Dieckman, Vandalia, Illsa	5 00
	14.	To Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr., Baden, Pa	6 50
		" " Rehoboth, Pa.	6 00
		" " Crow's R., Pa.	5 14
	20.	To Rev. G. S. Schmogrow, Doylestown, O	55 00
		To Mrs. S. McG., of S	3 00
	23.	To C. S. Seaman. Renova, Pa	2 00
July	3.	To found in coll. basket, Trinity, N. Y	1 00
	3.	To Geo. H. Moller, N. Y	300 00

July	3.	To W. Hauff, Trinity, N. Y.....	10 00	
	3.	To Thos. M. Lewry, Tr. Apr. Easter coll'n, St. Mark's S. S., Phil'a.....	90 69	
	3.	To Dr. Fry, from Rev. E. S. Brownmiller.....	20 00	
		" W. K. Frick.....	12 28	
		" S. S. Henry.....	5 00	
		" T. T. Jaeger.....	25 00	
		" W. A. Schaeffer.....	5 00	
		" A. M. Stroass.....	25 00	
		" H. B. Strodach.....	10 00	
		" H. N. Fegley.....	20 00	
		" E. H. Gerhart.....	10 00	
		" R. Hill.....	125 00	
		" O. Leopold.....	50 00	
		" C. S. Seaman.....	8 00	
		" L. Smith.....	8 00	
		To Ex. Com. Minn. from Con. to General fund	500 00	
	7.	To Dr. Krotel, C. Burkhalter, Sec'y.....	100 00	
	31.	To Dr. Fry, from H. H. Muhlenberg, Read'g,	25 00	
		" " " lot, Rev. G. H. Trabert's Mission.....	25 00	
Aug.	13.	To Miss E. Haseldean, Tr. W. H. Mission, Vandalia, Ills.....	5 00	
		To Rev. R. E. McDaniel, Vandalia, Ills.....	9 37	
	18.	To Rev. J. H. Smith, Wadsworth, O.....	13 00	
	20.	To cash from Pittsburgh for lot in St. Paul...	50 00	
	23.	To Rev. W. F. Ulery, Greensburg, Pa	25 00	
	30.	To Mrs. Conrad S. Esher, Phil'a.....	50 00	
	31.	To Rev. F. J. F. Schantz, from Rev. Daniel Earhart, Cochransville, Pa.....	22 05	
Sep.	19.	To Rev. J. H. Smith, Wadsworth, O.....	10 00	
	19.	" " Rev. H. L. McMurray, Lewisburg.....	4 00	
	19.	To G. H. Dieckman, Vandalia, Ills.....	5 00	
	25.	To Mrs. W. J. Russel, Sec'y, Nokomis, Ills., for St. Paul and Minneapolis Mission.....	12 00	
Oct.	3.	To Dr. Fry, Tr., Synod appro.....	500 00	
	3.	To Rev. H. K. Shaner, Freeport, Sarversville and Saxonburg congs.....	18 25	
			$ 5,050 52	
Oct.	15.	To balance.....		$ 725 95

1883. CR.

Jan.	18.	By cash paid Rev. F. C. C. Koehler, to 12, 31, 1882.....	60 28	
	18.	" paid Rev. G. H. Trabert, traveling expenses	50 00	
	18.	" paid Rev. C. Koerner, to Dec. 31, '82	600 00	

Jan.	18.	"	paid Rev. R. F. Weidner, trav. exp.	25 00
Feb.	27.	"	paid G. H. Trabert.....	200 00
	28.	"	paid G. W. Frederick, printing.....	49 66
Mar.	27.	"	paid G. H. Trabert, bal. trav. exp...	50 75
April	17.	"	paid F. C. C. Kaehler, ¼ salary.....	125 00
	17.	"	paid C. Koerner, "	300 00
	17.	"	paid G. H. Trabert, "	250 00
	17.	"	paid S. L. Harkey, D. D., salaryy to April 1.....	22 22
May	10.	"	paid Gill, Sherman & Co.....	176 00
July	10.	"	paid Rev. C. Koerner, quart'ly sal'y,	300 00
	10.	"	paid S. L. Harkey, D. D. "	125 00
	10.	"	paid G. H. Trabert, "	250 00
	10.	"	paid F. C. C. Kaehler, "	125 00
Sep.	14.	"	paid G. H. Trabert—eash aect., lot, St. Paul.....	50 00
Oet.	2.	"	paid C. Koerner, quar. sal'y, Chic...	300 00
	2.	"	paid S. L. Harkey, D. D., quarterly salary, Toledo.....	125 00
	2.	"	paid G. H. Trabert, quarterly salary, Minneapolis	250 00
	2.	"	F. C. C. Kaehler, quarterly salary, Chicago	125 00
	6.	"	paid W. W. Wattles, treas. Thiel College aect. loan.....	671 50
	9.	"	paid W. W. Wattles, int. loan to date.....	94 16
	15.	By balance.....		725 95
				$5,050 52

P. A. Keller,
Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, having been appointed a Committee to audit the above aecount and examine the vouehers, hereby report the same to be correct.

Note.—An indebtedness to Thiel College of $1,671.50 was handed down by the former Committee, whieh was reduced October 9, 1883, by the payment of $671.50, to $1,000, and interest thereon paid to that date of $94.16.

R. B. Miller.
W. W. Kurtz.

The reports were adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. B. W. Schmauck.

FOURTH SESSION.

October 19, 7:30.

The religious services were conducted by Rev. J. C. J. Peterson.

Addresses were made on the Foreign Mission work by Rev. Drs. Spaeth, Moldehnke and Schmucker.

The Committee submitted the following questions for the consideration of the Council:

Your Committee inquire—

1. Whether they should send out another missionary during next year in addition to Mr. McCready, and whether, in that case, they may expect the needful increase in the contributions of the churches?

2. Whether they should invite unmarried female laborers to go out and engage, in connection with our Mission, in Zenana work, and in the Girls' Schools?

Your Committee would ask the attention of the pastors, congregations, and members of the churches in the Council who use the English language, to the small measure of encouragement thus far given to the *Foreign Missionary*, the English paper published by the Committee. We would recommend that the General Council urge on them a more general and earnest effort to diffuse information and awaken deeper interest in behalf of our Mission.

In answer to these inquiries and recommendations, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That this Council will heartily approve and sustain the action of the Committee if they send another Missionary to India during the present year, in addition to Mr. McCready.

Resolved, That this Council will cheerfully second any efforts of the Committee to secure and send out unmarried females to labor among the women in our mission field in India.

Resolved, That the attention of our pastors and churches using the English language is hereby directed to the English paper, the *Foreign Missionary*, and that they are earnestly exhorted to labor for its general introduction into their families and Sunday Schools.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dr. Spaeth.

FIFTH SESSION.

October 20, 9 A. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. G. H. Trabert. The roll was called and the minutes of the last two sessions were read and approved.

Luther's Ninety-five Theses were taken up again and discussed at length. At the close of the discussion it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine and report on the first volume of Rev. J. K. F. Knaake's new critical edition of Luther's Works.

The President appointed as such committee Revs. E. Moldehnke, J. H. Baden, and S. Fritschel, D. D.

Resolved, That, in response to an invitation, the President is authorized to appoint a committee who shall visit the institutions on Ward's Island.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. H. Hunton.

SIXTH SESSION.

Oct. 22, 9 A. M.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. G. W. Mechling. The roll was called and the minutes of the previous session were read and approved. On motion it was

Resolved, That the ten members appointed last year as the English Home Mission Committee be re-elected for another year, the English Secretary casting the ballot of the Convention.

The German Home Mission Committee presented its report, including its Treasurer's report.

Report of the German Home Mission Committee of the General Council.

"The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." The truth of this saying was fully realized by your Committee in the past year. Everywhere the fields are white to harvest. The Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us!" comes to us from the North, the South, and West, and although our endeavors to meet the wants of those calling for help have not been in vain, yet our inquiry at times is, "What are they among so many?" The pressing needs of the Synods in the General Council, which already last year demanded the entire supply of laborers at our disposal, still remain unrelieved, and we could only in a measure satisfy the urgent requests made to your Committee.

According to the new regulation of the General Council, Rev. G. A. Hinterleitner, of Pottsville, Pa., and Mr. C. D. Boschen, a member of St. Mark's congregation, New York City, were added to the Committee. Both have accepted the position.

I. Our Field.

Casting a look over our vast field we notice:

1. *In Canada.*—Rev. H. Ongerth who already last year was in active service in the mission field. He is now stationed at Logan, Brodhagen County, Ontario.

Rev. Neudorffer, formerly engaged in Brazil, now serves the congregation at Zurich.

Rev. J. Langholz, sent to us by Rev. Jensen, is, since last spring, stationed in the *Ottawa* district, which was vacant three-fourths of a year. He resides in Thorne Centre, Quebec. His field is so large that he has to travel 125 miles to reach one congregation, making a round trip of 250 miles, and that, too, on most wretched roads. This field will be divided as soon as the requisite laborers can be found.

Candidate B. Mueller, after attending the universities at Breslau and Halle, and spending some months of study in the institution at Kropp, was sent us by Rev. Mr. Paulsen. He has also been stationed in Canada, and will very probably take charge of the new Mission in Walkerton, a beautiful country town. This station was formerly served by Rev. Wurster.

The Canada Synod supports in all *four mission fields.* Owing to the want of Missionaries this field could not, during the past year, be cultivated as the circumstances required. It is true our Committee sent *three* laborers to that field, but two of these were entrusted with self-supporting charges. It grieves us to state that one of the Mission fields of this Synod has been unsupplied for one and a half years, and only from time to time enjoyed a service. The most urgent appeals come to us to send at least three faithful pastors to this field.

2. *Michigan.*—The brethren Abelmann, Bleibtreu, Menke and Merz, are still faithful workers at their various stations. Recently Candidate Carl Mueller, who pursued his studies under the supervision of Rev. Mr. Dewald, in New Brunswick, N. J., has also been sent to this State.

The travelling Missionary, Rev. Mr. Menke, met in Sterling a preacher of the so-called "Evangelical Association," who preached at that place on the same Sunday. Rev. M. was called upon to prove that the doctrine of this sect was not Lutheran, and having done so conclusively, he was requested by the people to serve them with the pure Word and Sacraments. He visits this congregation once in four weeks, and also teaches school. He writes: "I al-

ways visit this congregation with great joy, because all attend the services so faithfully." Sixty miles further on in West Branch he serves a flock, of which he says that they are faithful Lutherans, having kept aloof from the various sects around them for so many years. He also visits *Roscommon* and *Bayport*. Concerning himself he writes: "I cannot but praise and thank God. I am glad to have my hands full of work; especially do I rejoice that I am permitted to preach the pure Word of God without restraint."

A good gentleman in *Gaylord* writes to our Committee: "Oh, how glad we were to hear that a travelling Missionary had been appointed for Michigan, and we hoped from week to week to receive a visit from him. And now, to my great surprise, I read today in *Siloah* that Rev. Mr. Menke had preached at Roscommon. O, would that God had led him to us! It is not far distant from Roscommon, and he certainly would have found more Germans here. With all our hearts we desire a church and a school. We live four miles from the city, and would gladly meet the pastor at the railroad station."

Rev. Bleibtreu is still active at Reed City. He confirmed 15 children at that place. A parsonage has also been built, and a new church will shortly be completed.

The officers of the Michigan Synod beg for more pastors. Two or three should at once be sent there.

3. *Texas.*—To this, the largest state in the Union, we were unable to send a new laborer this year. But the work has been vigorously prosecuted by our Missionary Superintendent, Rev. H. Merz. Rev. Mr. Wasser is also in active service still. He is stationed at Salem Church, near Brenham.

Rev. Mr. Merz during the year organized three new congregations, upon the basis of the new constitution for Congregations recommended by the General Council: *New Baden*, in Robertson county, with 20 members; *Rockdale*, Milam county, with 15 members, and *Austin*, Travis county, with 50 members. He has served these congregations regularly with the Word and Sacraments and has preached at other stations besides. He established a preaching station at *Bethlehem*, Washington county, which, about Easter, was connected with *Welcome* and under the spiritual care of Rev. E. Huber. *Holland*, in Bell county, has also been taken hold of. This place is situated in a beautiful region, a fertile prairie which is rapidly being settled by the Germans. A preacher of the "United" church formerly preached here once a month, but the people desire to remain Lutherans and to organize into a Lutheran congregation

during this jubilee year. A Lutheran pastor could here find a very desirable field. The congregation would at once be self-supporting.

New Baden and *Rockdale* were served once a month. These stations expected to call a pastor this fall, but owing to a drought from July to September and, in consequence, a very meagre harvest, this intention cannot at present be carried out. Rev. M. writes: "These good people, who greet me so heartily, and converse with me in the dialect of the dear, old home, have completely overcome me, so that I would prefer to take up my abode among them. A church and a parsonage are to be built as soon as possible. The building-lot, situated upon an eminence from which a beautiful view is had, has already been chosen. There are 25 families, with about 200 souls, at that place.

Four miles from *Rockdale* is a German settlement which for a year has been infested by the Methodists. In October of last year a traveling Missionary received an invitation to come there. At the first service 11 children were received into God's covenant of grace by holy baptism. After service, to the great joy of all, an agreement was made to have service once a month. As a spacious school-house is already in existence there, it would be well if a pastor could at once be stationed in this locality.

In his explorations Rev. Mr. Merz also visited several families near *McDade*, preached to them, and after repeated visits induced them to organize a small congregation. A chapel was built and a portion of it partitioned off as a residence for the pastor, and on the 7th of January of this year Candidate M. Haag was installed pastor of the field.

In *Austin*, the capital of Texas, and residence of the Missionary, two services a month are held since the 4th of March last. In June a congregation was organized, which already numbers 50 members, and has its services in the Augustana Synod's Swedish Lutheran Church. The Sunday School numbers 55 children. A church should be erected here without delay. Building lots already cost from $800 to $1,000, and are constantly increasing in value. Here an opportunity is afforded to some wealthy member of the Church to open his hand, and with a few thousand dollars to erect a "Jubilee Church."

Of the very interesting communications received from this active Missionary, a single instance must suffice. He writes: "I undertook a rather lengthy journey in order to preach to Lutheran people on the first Sunday in February. An icy "Northerner," however, suddenly visited our "Sunny" South. The temperature

approached that of Siberia, and everything was covered with snow and ice. Certainly fine weather for such a Texan Missionary. Half frozen I arrived at my quarters on the open prairie, a house with only one room and a so-called back room used as a kitchen, without a stove for warming the house—and such weather! My humble self, the gentleman of the house, the grandmother and six children, crowded around the cooking stove in the small apartment, which, on account of the intense cold, could not be properly warmed. The good mistress of the house was quite perplexed, since the hearth was completely besieged, and this siege was only raised when, after a brief prayer to the merciful Father in heaven, we fled into the "ice-cold" bed. The following day, Sunday, no one ventured out, and it was utterly impossible to hold divine service. I started on my way home, however, but had to encounter various adventures on my journey. At N. H. I was obliged to wait six hours at the station for the train without a mouthful to eat. Finally we went on, but only to T. Here a special train was to take us to Austin, and I rejoiced in the thought of making myself comfortable at home; but lo! I'm doomed to disappointment. The train from the North, for which we had to wait, jumped the track two miles above T. There we sat all night in the cars, waiting hour after hour for the train. Instead of 10 o'clock P. M. it was 10 A. M. when at last, weary and covered with ice, I arrived at home."

The Secretary of the Texas Synod writes as follows: "If we look at the short time in which our worthy President, Rev. H. Merz, has been active in the cause of home missions, and consider the difficult journeys on account of the great distances of the settlements from each other—considering all these things we cannot but acknowledge that the divine blessing accompanies this work, and that our dear Missionary on his part fully justifies the confidence placed in him by the worthy Missionary Committee of the General Council, as well as by our own Synod."

In almost every letter Rev. Mr. Merz begs for more laborers to come to his aid.

The Synod has *twenty* Mission stations. At the last Synodical meeting three further stations were mentioned, which afford hope of becoming self-supporting congregations. At one of these places twenty members have united under a good constitution, have procured ten acres of land for church purposes, and this summer have built and dedicated a church.

4. The *New York Ministerium* has secured four laborers through our Committee, Revs. Stoldt, Reissig, Baelz and Combe. Although these brethren have furnished us with no special reports, we have reason to believe that their labors are attended by the Divine blessing.

5. The *Pittsburgh Synod* received Rev. G. Amschler, who received his education with Rev. Mr. Hinterleitner, at Pottsville, Pa., and was ordained by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. He serves two Missions at Freeport and Natrona.

6. In the *Pennsylvania Synod*, Rev. H. Wendel is actively engaged at St. Clair. He also received his education with Rev. Mr. Hinterleitner, and was ordained by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

A young man from Bohemia, Candidate Horak, who understands German, and was sent us for our German work, has been engaged very successfully among his Lutheran countrymen in Luzerne county, Pa. He was received with open arms, and is laboring under the supervision of Rev. E. A. Bauer. [On October 16 he was ordained to the holy ministry by the Second District Conference of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, in session at the "Stone Church," near Kreidersville, Northampton county, Pa.]

7. *Nebraska.*—An urgent request from this State for a pastor has been received by your Committee. The people have pledged themselves in writing for the amount which each is willing to contribute to the salary of the pastor. They have also, in anticipation, erected a parsonage. It would appear as though the Lord were opening for us a door into that State. All the greater must be our regret that we are not able at present to fulfill the request of these dear people. Yet we raise up our hearts to the Lord in earnest supplication, that He would send us the proper man for this congregation.

II. Our Students.

At New Brunswick, N. J., with Rev. J. A. Dewald, we have two young men; with Rev. J. A. Darmstaetter, at Columbia, Pa., one; at Thiel College, Greenville, Pa., two; and at the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, also two. From reports received, these are all making commendable progress, and justify us in hoping that with the help of the Lord they will become faithful laborers in His vineyard.

One of our students, John Ade, a young man of great promise and extraordinary endowments, has been called by the Lord from

this vale of tears. He was born at Rosenfeld, Ober Amt Sutz, Wurtemberg; came to this country last year to devote himself to our mission; studied with Pastor Hinterleitner; taught school at Philadelphia as a substitute for a few weeks; was taken sick with typhoid fever, and after an illness of two weeks, on May 19th, at the age of 20 years, he gently fell asleep in the faith of his crucified and risen Redeemer.

At Hermannsburg we have three students whom Pastor Harms received for us.

III. The Institution of Pastor Paulsen, at Kropp, Schleswig.

In accordance with last year's resolution of the General Council, your Committee has entered into a union with Pastor Paulsen, and has joined hands with him for united work.

This Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary, "Eben-Ezer," was opened May 1, 1882, for the purpose of educating young men for the ministry in America. The government of the institution lies in the hands of the Director, Rev. Edward Gerhold, who relinquished the active duties of the ministry in order to accept this position. Pastor Paulsen says of him: "He is an excellent man in every respect, and especially well qualified for the position of Director, since he really educates his students for the practical work of the office. We thank the Lord that He has given us this gentleman, for the institutions know how much they are indebted to him."

The second teacher is Rev. Mr. Pfaff, of Grosz-Oesingen, Hannover. He was formerly editor of the *Schleswig-Holstein School Journal*, and has at all times enjoyed great confidence in the positions which he filled.

Mr. Karl Kuehnemund, candidate of theology, is also engaged in the institution. He is a man of extraordinary gifts, whose instruction is visibly accompanied with great results.

Beside these, instruction is imparted by Mr. Koennemann, a candidate of theology, the teachers Lange, Bredstrup, Kuntzschke, and by the Rev. Mr. Paulsen himself.

During the first year 13 students were in the Seminary. At the beginning of the second year a very large number of young men applied for admission. A selection was made of those who seemed most suitable to be educated for the holy office, and twenty of these were received provisionally and afterwards accepted definitely. There are four classes, in which, at present, the number of students is as follows: I Class, 11; II Class, 3; III Class, 12;

IV Class, 5; a total of 31, which are all being educated for the General Council.

The course of instruction comprises Apologetics, Dogmatics, Ethics, Biblical History, Sacred History, Homiletics, Symbolics, Old and New Testament Exegesis, Church History, Catechism, Isagogics, Hymnology, Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Composition, Practical Exercises in Explaining Scripture, German Literature, English Language, Geometry, Natural Science and Music. The students of the First Class have practical homiletical exercises every two weeks, as they are given an opportunity to conduct a "Bibelstunde" in one of the villages belonging to the parish of Kropp.

Pastor Paulsen writes: "We can positively say that those candidates who pursue the full course of our Seminary are equal to the demands which in Germany are made upon candidates for the office of the ministry. Above all things, our desire is that the students may become sound in the faith, and in order to attain this the entire course of instruction is so arranged that the students themselves become convinced of the necessity of pure and sound doctrine. The instructors in the institution are all positive and firm in the Lutheran Confession. As soon as the students of the first course have graduated, we will be able annually to supply the Council with a sufficient number of well-trained young men. We regret that we are cramped as to rooms and means, so that at present we can accommodate but a comparatively small number of students. As soon as we have sufficient means at our command, we will be able much more effectively to send laborers to the Council.

"We greatly rejoice at our union with the honored brethren of the General Council, for I have seen and recognized the fact that we, as far as doctrine is concerned, stand so completely upon the same basis with that body. I have seen the glowing heart which the brethren yonder have, to put an end to the need of our starving fellow-believers. May it please Almighty God to so bless our union that it may redound to the welfare of His Church and Kingdom."

A member of our Committee, Rev. Dr. Moldehnke, recently visited the institution, and with joy confirms all the statements which Pastor Paulsen here makes.

By Easter, 1885, he hopes to be able to send us the first 6 or 7 graduates.

For the support of this institution we have expended $1,046.50.

The report of our Treasurer shows that also, during this year,

the Lord has many, many hearts willing to present their gifts of love for carrying on this work. The total receipts amount to $4,747.90. The expenditures to $4,710.20. Leaving a balance on hand of $37.70.

Our illustrated monthly, "*Siloah*," numbers 8,016 subscribers. Including the balance in the treasury last year, the receipts were $1,007.61. The expenses, including $150 surplus paid into the Home Mission treasury, were $858.09. Balance in treasury, $149.52. Rev. C. G. Fischer was appointed business agent of *Siloah*, with an annual salary of $25.

Your Committee was instructed to consider whether the establishment of any additional institution or department in any existing institution in this country is necessary to meet the special wants of the Church. As an institution with five teachers has already been opened at Rochester, N. Y., at which your Committee heartily rejoices, we have taken no further steps in this matter.

In looking back upon the past year, your Committee must confess we have more than ever recognized our own weakness in view of the magnitude of our work. Yet we praise the goodness of God for all that He has accomplished in and through us, and continue our prayer: Lord send laborers into Thy harvest. Save now, we beseech Thee, O, Lord; O, Lord, we beseech Thee, send now prosperity!

Let us all, with new zeal and greater faithfulness, continue this work in behalf of our dear brethren in the faith, then will we, by the blessing of God, be able to gather an abundant harvest and come with rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us.

Respectfully submitted.

THE COMMITTEE.

Report of the Treasurer of the German Home Mission Committee.

1882. RECEIPTS.

Nov. 11.	To balance in Treasury last year	$	126 42
15.	Rec'd from Mr. W. A. Schmitthenner from the following congregations:		
	St. Paul's (Rev. Erhart), Harlem, N. Y.		12 16
	St. Matthew's (Rev. Peterson), Jersey City		30 75
	St. Mark's (Rev. Hass), New York		37 48
19.	St. Michael's Allentown, Pa		10 55
24.	Salem Church, (Rev. Lieb) near Brenham, Texas		12 20
	From Rev. C. Volz, Buffalo, N. Y		24 00

Nov. 24.	From friends in St. James' Church (Rev. Weiskotten), Phil'a	11 06
	St. John's Church, East New York	20 00
	St. John's Church (Rev. Dietrich), Beaver Falls, Pa	10 00
29.	W. A. Schmitthenner from St. John's (Rev. Volz), Buffalo	50 00
	Dr. Moldehnke	5 00
	Mrs. Stube	10 00
	Dr. Moldehnke, collection	35 55
Dec. 3.	St. Paul's German Church (Rev. Wischan), Phil'a	44 71
15.	Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, surplus of Siloah	150 00
1883.		
Jan. 10.	Bible-class, St. John's (Rev. Kuendig), Reading, Pa	16 00
15.	From Pilger Bookstore, from various parties	35 47
20.	Treas. Minist. of Penn'a	150 00
23.	" " of N. Y	56 84
25.	Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, Phil'a., money returned by a student	65 40
	St. Paul's S. S., Phil'a., Rev. Wischan, Pastor	50 00
	Collection at Confession in St. James' Church, Phil'a	22 00
31.	Rev. C. G. Fischer, Germantown	22 00
Feb. 5.	Junior Mission and Orphan Society of St. James' Church, Phil'a., Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, pastor	40 00
6.	Treas. Minist. of N. Y	46 25
27.	The same	28 75
Mch. 12.	Rev. Richter, Rochester, N. Y	30 00
26.	Treas. Minist. of N. Y	10 00
27.	W. A. Schmitthenner, Zion Church, Rochester, N. Y	18 07
April 1.	Collection at Confession in St. James' Church, Phil'a., Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, pastor	73 00
3.	Treas. Minist. of N. Y., Rev. W. Rieb, Newark, N. J	25 00
3.	Rev. S. Klingmann, Ann Arbor, Mich	20 00
10.	Sale of books presented by Rev. J. Paulsen	30 06
10.	Present from Pilger Book Store, Reading, Pa	50 00
17.	Rev. Brezing, from Ladies' Society of St. Peters' Church, Heidelberg, Ont	20 00
20.	Pilger Book Store, from various sources	37 13
20.	President of Canada Synod	150 00
15.	President of Minist. of Pa. (Rev. Dr. Seiss). Portion of income of a legacy	50 00
May 16.	Treasurer Synod of Texas	400 00

May 16.	Collection during Passion service in St. Paul's Church, N. Y. (Rev. Koenig)	18 05	
24.	Rev. E. H. Pohle, collection in Norristown, Pa.	13 00	
25.	Treas. of Minist. of Pa., from the following pastors and their congregations:		
	Rev. Abele, Harrisburg, Pa	10 17	
	" Bauer, Hazleton	20 00	
	" Darmstaetter, Columbia	50 00	
	" Dizinger, Camden, N. J	15 00	
	" Erb, Orwingsburg, Pa	10 00	
	" Fischer, Germantown	5 00	
	" Grahn, Phil'a	5 00	
	" Gruhler, Shenandoh	4 50	
	" Henry, Hinkletown	5 00	
	" Hinterleitner, Pottsville	32 00	
	" Jaeger, Reading	25 00	
	" Isenschmid, Wilmington, Del	9 50	
	" Kuendig, Reading, Pa	360 00	
	" Leopold, Allentown	50 00	
	" Mayser, Lancaster	50 00	
	" Mueller, Marietta	7 00	
	" Pfuhl, Harrisburg	25 00	
	" L. Smith, Cogan Station	9 77	
	" Dr. Spaeth, Phil'a	75 00	
	" Strodach, Norristown	10 00	
	" Wiseman, Phil'a	250 00	
	" Zizelmann, Scranton	40 00	
June 22.	Treas. Minist. of N. Y	401 65	
July 7.	Treas. Minst. of Pa., S. S. of Zion Church, Phil'a	50 00	
Aug. 10.	Rev. Fischer, Germantown	13 00	
26.	Rev. Weiskotten, from members of his congregation	13 31	
Oct. 2.	Rev. Weiskotten, from various sources	32 44	
	Mr. Amos Potteiger, Reading, Pa	25 00	
2.	Treas. Minist. of Pa	500 00	
	" " "	150 00	
5.	Rev. Kuendig, from a widow in St. John's Church, Reading	30 00	
	Dr. Spaeth, Phil'a	10 00	
13.	Sale of Dr. Spaeth's reply to Prof. Pfleiderer	14 00	
	Various donations under $10 each	373 63	
	Total	———	$4,747 90

1882. EXPENDITURES.

Nov. 20.	By Dr. Spaeth's reply to Prof. Pfleiderer	$ 50 75	
20.	Telegram, Expressage trunks, etc	4 35	
24.	Paid for printing 300 blank receipts, (Globe Printing House)	1 25	

Dec.	4.	Books for students	6 25	
	5.	Cuts for Siloah	75 00	
		Expenses to Rev. Wischan for Rev. Paulsen	4 40	
1883.				
May	1.	Paid Rev. Paulson for sale of his books	30 06	
	16.	Salary of Traveling Missionary in Texas, Rev. H. Merz	400 00	
June	13.	P'd Rev. Kuendig for books, checks, postage, etc.	5 00	
	25.	P'd Rev. Wischan, money expended by him for Home Missions	26 00	
Sept.	20.	Text-books for students of our Home Mission	74 89	
Oct.	9.	Salary of Rev. H. Merz, Traveling Missionary in Texas	400 00	
		Expenses of students in this country	1,552 65	
		Traveling expenses of candidates of Theo. from Germany to their various fields of labor	783 10	
		Expended for the Seminary at Kropp	1,296 50	
				$4,710 20
		Total receipts	$4,747 90	
		" expenses	4,710 20	
		Balance in Treasury		$ 37 70

A prolonged discussion followed on points raised by the report. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. H. Grahn.

SEVENTH SESSION.

October 22, 2 : 30 P. M.

The religious services were conducted by Rev. S. Klingman. The roll was called and the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The consideration of the Report of the German Home Mission Committee was resumed and the Report was adopted, and on motion it was

Resolved, That the ten members appointed last year as the German Home Mission Committee, be re-elected for another year, the German Secretary casting the ballot of the Convention.

The Report of the Swedish Committee on Home Missions was read and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Home Missions of the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod.

"Speak to the children of Israel, that they go forward." It was in one of the darkest hours in the history of the chosen people that the Lord of hosts gave this command to his servant Moses. When we see no way, no help or salvation, God makes a way through the midst of the sea. Times of ease and outward comforts have not been the brightest times in the history of the Church. Trials, suffering and need have always proved to be a vernal season for a coming summer and an abundant harvest. In our Missionary work we ought therefore not to be discouraged, when surrounded by difficulties, perplexities and wants, but look up to Him, from whom our help comes, and hear his words to the scattered clouds: "Speak to the children of Israel, that they go forward."

The Mission field of the Augustana Synod is immense and our means entirely inadequate for the great work before us.

On the Pacific coast "a great door and effectual is opened before us, and there are many advesaries" (1 Cor. 16 : 9). Rev. J. Telleen is our Missionary in San Francisco. A congregation—the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Ebenezer Congregation—was organized about a year ago with thirty communicant members, and it numbers now one hundred. This place is of the greatest importance, but our work there is attended with very great difficulties and sacrifices. One of these is, that the field has been so long neglected; the other is the high price of real estate. A suitable lot for a church will cost at least $10,000, and it seems almost impossible for us poor Swedes to raise such a sum and also build the Church. But the work is God's, and in his name it has been commenced and he will provide and raise up for this Mission both friends and means.

The work in Oregon is prospering. The Mission Churches in Astoria, at the mouth of the Columbia river, and at Portland, seventy-five miles further in the country on the banks of the same river, are now finished and dedicated. And Revs. J. Hoikka and John W. Skans, who were ordained at the last meeting of the Augustana Synod, are stationed at these two important places in the far North West.

At Puget Sound, in Washington Territory, we have congregations at New Tacoma, Seatle, and Skagit, but we have not been able to station a Missionary or Minister there as yet.

In Moscow, Nez Perces County, Idaho Territory, one old, faithful, hard working Missionary, Peter Carlso, has his home, if he can be said to have any home at all. He spends nearly all his time on the extensive Mission field in Oregon, Washington and Idaho Territories. Both in Moscow and New Tacoma new Churches are in the course of erection, this fall, under his supervision.

In Salt Lake City, Utah, a Congregation has been organized—Zion's Lutheran Church—with twenty communicants, and two very suitable, good-sized lots for Church and Parsonage have been bought for the sum of $2,500, and paid. Mr. S. M. Hill, who has been our Missionary in this hard field little more than a year, has accepted a call as Professor at the Lutheran Academy, Wahoo, Nebraska. But we hope soon to get another man to take his place as Missionary among "the Latter Day Saints" in Mormondom.

In Colorado Rev. F. A. W. Bergquist is our Missionary and is settled at Golden, but he also labors at Georgetown, Idaho Springs and other preaching stations.

English Missions, in connection with Augustana Synod, have been commenced at Minneapolis, St. Paul and Red Wing, but the English Home Mission Committee will report about this hopeful and important work.

The most of the Mission work of our Synod is done by the respective Conferences. Minnesota Conferenee has sent one of its Ministers, Rev. L. K. Hokanzon, to the Red River Valley, as traveling Missionary. Within the Kansas Conference, Rev. P. J. Sanders was laboring last year as Missionary in Missouri, and is at present working in Nebraska. The other Conferences have called some of their Ministers to labor two or three months on their Mission fields, and almost every Pastor of the Synod devotes about a month every year to Mission work.

Pious and gifted laymen are used as Catechists and Colporteurs and sent to break the bread of life to famishing and perishing sinners on our prairies, in our forests, and in our cities and manufacturing places. The oldest and most advanced of our students have often been used to supply vacant Congregations and waste Mission fields.

At present we need one Missionary more in California, one in Washington Territory, two in Dakota and Red River Valley, two in Texas, three for New England and Middle States and one in Canada. But we have neither men nor funds for this great work.

May God, in mercy, look down on our poor, scattered and spiritually destitute Swedes.

For the numerous Finns, who are in a more deplorable condition than our countrymen, our Synod has not been able to do anything, except that Rev. Hoikka, who is a Finn, serves both a Finnish and Swedish congregation in Astoria.

The Immigrant Mission is in a prosperous condition. In New York and Castle Garden our Missionary, Mr. A. B. Lilja, has proved himself a good workman and together with Rev. Berkemeier, the General Council's faithful Missionary, he has been of great service to the immigrants. In other important places, as Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha, immigrant Missionaries are stationed and have done a good work, been a help and blessing to the newcomers.

In the Augustana Synod the following sums have been contributed during the last fiscal year:

In the respective Conferences	Congregations.	Contributions to						Other Outlays of the Congregations.
		Conference Treasury.	Synod Treasury.	Augustana College and Seminary.	Home Mission.	Foreign Mis'n.	Other Benevolent Purposes.	
Illinois Conference...	93	$ 11.63	$ 195.00	$ 3,137.27	$ 2,647.68	$ 1,037.40	$ 9,595.00	$ 127,428.00
Minnesota Confere'ce	145	53.84	75.62	1,771.41	2,348.89	338.13	7,418.41	82,738.68
Iowa Conference.....	49	17.24	42.17	764.00	884.72	109.98	3,476.63	28,047.54
Kansas Conference...	62	32.89	31.40	1,223.00	1,655.74	238.25	4,088.65	54,080.25
N. Y. Conference.....	34	44.89	32.22	759.35	546.43	214.71	1,691.85	25,971.46
Missions—Congre'n...	8	.....	9.05	3.00	81.00	.....	113.50	949.00
Total.....	391	$ 160.49	$ 385.46	$ 7,658.03	$ 8,164.46	$1,938.47	26,384.04	$ 319,214.93

Wishing the greatest blessing upon the meeting of the General Council and all its deliberations and upon all our Missions, I send my brotherly love and greetings to all the Brethren in the Lord.

ERL. CARLSSON,

Chairman Aug. Synod's Mission Com.

Andover, Henry Co., Ills.,
October 15, 1883.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to recommend suitable action in regard to the several reports on Home Missions.

The President appointed as such Committee Revs. J. Fry, D. D., A. Rodell and S. Klingman, and Messrs. A. W. Potteiger and N. Conrad.

The Report on Foreign Missions was taken up for consideration but no definite action reached. Pending the discussion, it was

Resolved, That the work of the Emigrant Mission be the special order of business for this evening.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. F. J. F. Schantz.

EIGHTH SESSION.

OCT. 22, 7:30 P. M.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. S. Klingman. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The work of Home Missions was again considered. On motion it was

Resolved, That the three Home Mission Committees and the Foreign Mission Committee are authorized to publish, for gratuitous distribution, such number of their several reports as they deem proper.

The Committee on the Emigrant Mission presented its report, as follows:

Report of the Emigrant Missionary, William Berkemeier,

FROM OCTOBER 1, 1882, TO OCTOBER 1, 1883.

The past year has been unusually rich in blessing to our Emigrant Mission, inasmuch as the number of emigrants who passed through our house, and consequently came in contact with our Missionary work, was larger than at any previous time. Over 15,000 souls applied to us for accommodation, and we gladly embraced the opportunity thus afforded us, not only by conducting the usual morning and evening divine services, but also by exercising, as far as possible, our pastoral care in individual cases. We are confident that our labors have not been in vain in the Lord. The great majority heartily united with us in singing hymns and offering prayers of praise and thanksgiving to God for their safe passage across the ocean. They listened devoutly to our exhortations to them from the Word of God, as also to our admonitions to cleave to Him, in this their new home, with renewed love and devotion, and neglect not to at once connect themselves again with the Church as soon as they shall have reached their respective places of destination. Some, indeed, there may be, who will not heed these exhortations; still we know that with many our words of encouragement and Christian sympathy will not have

been uttered in vain, and that, through the instrumentality of our Emigrant Mission, our Church will receive a considerable increase in individual members and entire families.

Our house and its mission are now so generally known in Europe that pastors there frequently direct their emigrating parishioners to us by letter, in order to increase the certainty of their finding our house. The same is being done by the Home Missionary Society of our Church in Europe, which have honored our work with official recognition, in all cases where emigrants take passage at the principal seaports, such as Bremen, Hamburg, Stelten, Antwerp and Rotterdam, specially appointed seaport Missionaries keep up a regular correspondence with us, and an annual salary of about $300 have been awarded to them by the Emigrant House.

Our correspondence, especially that with foreign countries, has been increased to such an extent that we received during the last year about 4,000 letters, each one of which required a reply. These contain all sorts of imaginable questions in regard to emigration, recommendations of such as stand in need of advice and assistance, and even protection and guardianship, inquiries after prodigal and absconded sons and daughters, coupled with an earnest request to hunt them up and in the spirit of that charity which beareth all things and endureth all things, lead them back again into the way of godliness.

Our house in the course of time has become a very centre of the emigrant mission and, like a church, the meeting place for the churchly minded population surrounding it, just as it is this day, the rendezvous of our Christian German people landing at the seaport of the city of New York. Of the heavy burden which all this imposes upon us, we will say nothing. May God pardon us our shortcomings and constantly renew our energies that with increased strength we may prosecute the work assigned us to the honor and glory of his name and the best interests of those committed to our care.

Castle Garden, the principal landing place, was regularly visited by us at each arrival of passengers. This, though connected with many difficulties, is nevertheless of indispensable necessity, in as much as it is there where such among the emigrants as have been consigned to our care, must be received, so that they may not fall into strange hands and by these be led away from our house and its mission. During our visits there we also take occasion, as far as possible, to approach others to bid them welcome in the name of God and his church, to distribute among them churchly papers,

almanacs and tracts, and give them such advice as we deem of advantage to them. Our business is to let down the net for a draught among the multitute, even though it may be, amid the confusion that usually prevails at such times, with but trifling success. The principal object, therefore, of our visits to Castle Garden must ever be to look after such as have been specially commended to our care and conduct them to our house. It is very gratifying that the Castle Garden Commission does not overlook the blessings and benefits which our institution is conferring upon the emigrants, and among these more especially upon the poor. Thus, one of the commissioners, our esteemed friend, Mr. Hauselt, favors our house annually with an extra gift to aid us, especially during the severe winter season in feeding, and in some instances also, in lodging, the thousands of hungry and helpless poor, who come to us from Castle Garden.

Our contributions for this object, last year amounted to $637.88. As however this amount fell far short in enabling us to meet the demands made upon us, the Emigrant house cheerfully rendered such assistance as the necessity of the case required.

Our missionary treasury had receipts amounting to $919.68 and was, thanks be to God, able to defray all necessary expenses, especially as the Emigrant house also came to its aid by paying the bills contracted for printing tracts, etc., etc.

It is highly gratifying that the Augustana Synod has established a mission also in behalf of the Swedish emigrants. Its missionary in Castle Garden, brother A. B. Lilja, stands in connection with our house. Nevertheless it would be very desirable if the Swedish emigrants would be directed by their respective pastors at home to their missionary here; for such an arrangement would not only facilitate his labors but greatly increase his efficiency and usefulness.

In conclusion I will only yet allude to the very cordial relation existing between the Evangelical Mission on Ward's Island and our own institution. It frequently occurs that poor sick emigrants are sent there by the Castle Garden Commission, who, upon our recommendation are faithfully attended to by its missionary. God be praised for the successful operation by which the eye-sight of our beloved brother L. H. Gerndt has again been restored and he has thus been enabled to devote himself anew to the prosecution of his blessed work. May the Lord our God continue to own and bless the work of our hands.

W. Berkemeier.

Report of the Immigrant Mission Committee.

The Immigrant Mission Committee begs leave to submit herewith the Annual Reports, viz. :

(1.) Report of the Missionary.
(2.) " " Swedish Missionary.
(3.) " " Treasurer.
(4.) " " Lutheran Emigrants' House Association.

By these it will be seen that by the grace of God your Committee has succeeded to carry on this important work through another year. The task had been made more difficult by reason of the resolution passed by your venerable body in last year's session, by which your Committee was requested to contribute a part of the salary of the Swedish Missionary. Special appeals for contributions for this purpose have been published in the German and English Church papers, but we regret to say with comparative poor results, particularly from the English Congregations ; therefore, only by means of the balance in the Treasury from last year has it been possible to contribute $400 towards the salary of the Swedish Missionary.

The Treasury now is empty, and your Committee is not in a position to undertake the responsibility of furnishing part of the salary of the Swedish Missionary in the future. Your Committee, therefore, respectfully submits to the venerable General Council to provide by other means for the salary of the Swedish Immigrant Missionary.

The Treasurer's Report shows :

Oct. 1, 1883.	Balance on hand		$ 326 37	
	Receipts—Total for Missions and for the poor		1,601 17	
			$ 1,927 54	
	Disbursements—Total		1,844 10	
	Leaving a bal. for Immigrant Mission	$ 23 34		
	" " Poor Immigrants	60 10		
				$ 83 44

Amongst the disbursements appears the sum of $67—towards a debt due to Pastor Neuman, which were paid to the Treasurer of the General Council.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee.

J. H. Baden, *President.*
W. Hauff, *Secretary.*

Treasurer's Report of the Emigrant Mission Committee of the General Council.

FROM OCTOBER 1, 1882, TO OCTOBER 1, 1883.

1882.				
Oct. 1.	To Balance for Emigrant Mission	$	236 77	
	" " " " (old debt)		67 00	
	" " Poor Emigrants		22 60	
				$ 326 37
	Receipts for Emigrant Mission.			
	Collections and donations (as published)	$	620 52	
	Received from the N. Y. Ministerium		152 00	
	" " Canada Synod		47 00	
	" " Iowa "		31 65	
				851 17
	Receipts for Poor Emigrants.			
	Collections and donations (as published)		687 25	
	" through the N. Y. Ministerium		62 75	
				750 00
	Total			1,927 54
	Disbursements for Emigrant Mission.			
	Assistance—to Traveling Expenses to Mission Students, Sundries, &c		64 60	
	Paid to W. H. Staake, Treasurer of the General Council, (for old debt)		67 00	
	Salary of Missionary, Rev. W. Berkemeier, 1 yr.		600 00	
	Contribution to salary of A. B. Lilja, Missionary of Swedish Augustana Synod		400 00	
				1,131 60
	For Poor Emigrants.			
	Assistance—to Traveling Expenses and in Cash	$	354 10	
	Free Meals to Emigrants and persons out of work		358 40	
				712 50
				$ 1,844 10
1883.				
Oct. 1.	To Balance for Emigrant Mission	$	23 34	
	" " Poor Emigrants		60 10	
				83 44
	Total			$ 1,927 54

NEW YORK, Oct. 1, 1883.

(Signed.) JOHN MOLLER, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found Correct,

(Signed.) WM. HAUFF,
W. A. SCHMITTHENNER.

To the Emigrant Mission Committee of the General Council:

Although I have sent regular reports to the Central Committee of the Augustana Synod, I think it is proper that I also report concerning my work to you, as a part of my salary is paid by the General Council.

To begin with, I will state that I have felt at home in the work intrusted to me, and it has been a pleasure to be of service to my countrymen and to Lutherans with whom I have come in contact. The more I work in this field of the Church the more I become convinced of the great importance of this Mission among the immigrants for our dear Lutheran Church. In order that you may be acquainted with my work, I will give a few facts, as a detailed report would be too long. I have, in company with Pastor Berkemeier, visited Castle Garden at the arrival of vessels, and I have spent the most of my time in the Garden for the benefit of the immigrants, distributing papers and tracts, conversing with them on religious subjects, given them needed advice and helping them in whatsoever way I have been able, and a great many have proved their gratitude for the service rendered them. Generally the work among the immigrants promises to bear good fruit, but the work among the Mormon immigrants have proved to be very difficult, and does not promise any good return for the time spent. It is hardly of any use to argue with the Mormons, as they are fanatics of such a type that no reasoning will have any effect upon them. I give them to understand that the people of America does not consider the Mormons to be such Saints as their prophets profess that they are, and that Utah is not such a Canaan as they think. Their leaders forbid them to receive my tracts, but they cannot prevent my conversation with them. A great many Mormon immigrants arrived September 11, and among them were a goodly number of Scandinavians. The day before a gentleman and a lady arrived from Philadelphia, stating that among the expected Mormons there was a sister, and it was their desire that their deluded sister should be saved from the Mormons. I introduced them to Mr. Jackson, the Superintendent of the Garden, and necessary arrangements were made. As soon as the bell rang and the officials announced that the Mormons were coming, I was on the lookout for the expected girl, and as soon as she came I brought her over to her brother and sister. Afterwards she made a statement before the Commissioners, and she was prevailed upon to accompany her relatives, which she did, although the Mormons did their best to

prevent it. With her brother and sister she remained two days at our house, and then departed for Philadelphia.

I could relate many touching scenes among our Lutheran emigrants, but I do not think it is necessary. I converse with them concerning their destination and inform them of our churches and pastors, and I believe good results will follow or be the outcome of such conversation. I have opportunity then and there to hold services in the Emigrant House, but when there are only a few I talk to them privately. Pastor Berkemeier holds service morning and evening. It is touching to see how some of the emigrants, at the end of the service, approach the beloved and aged Missionary, Pastor Berkemeier, and weeping, bid him good bye.

As the Emigrant Mission is of the highest importance, we have printed pamphlets and cards concerning the Emigrant House and sent them to Sweden. Through the influence of Rev. Erl. Carlson, the President of Augustana Synod, a good many of the pamphlets and cards have been distributed among the emigrants by the clergy in Sweden. He has also given Rev. Mr. Alberg, in Oerebro, Sweden, authority to print tracts in which the Emigrant House is recommended, and Rev. Alberg has, at the expense of the Synod, placed Missionaries in Gothenburg and Malrud. These Missionaries distribute the tracts and cards, and we hope that this work will have a good result in the near future.

I have also visited Ward's Island as often as I have been able. Sometimes I have held services in the Chapel. But when most of the patients have been sick in bed, I have only conversed with them, as I believe that I serve them better in that way than by holding a service for two or three persons.

May God bless our work among the emigrants, and may the friends of this Mission do their best to support the important work. Hoping that you will remember me in your prayers,

Your obedient servant,

AXEL BERNHERD LILJA.

Resolved, That the audit made by direction of this Committee of its accounts be accepted as correct.

Resolved, That the Emigrant Mission Committee be instructed to continue their appropriation to the support of the Swedish Missionary, and be authorized to appeal to the churches for the means needed for that purpose.

Resolved, That we hereby express our joy and our thanks to God for the eminent success of the work of our Missionaries among the emigrants.

Resolved, That the resolution of last year, calling on our churches for material aid in carrying this good work forward, is hereby renewed.

A letter was read from "The Danish Lutheran Church in America," expressing gratitude for the friendly aid extended by our Missionaries to Danish immigrants who have entered the port of New York.

The same Committee was reappointed with the exception that Mr. Henry Guenther was substituted for Mr. H. Johanson, who declined to serve.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your Committee for Auditing the Report of the Treasurer of the General Council has carefully compared the vouchers of the disbursements of the general expense account, and has found the same correct, as reported by the Treasurer. The account of the *Foreign Missions*, *Missions Bote* and *Foreign Missionary* having been audited by the Auditing Committee of the Foreign Mission Committee, and as such accepted by the Council.

W. A. Schmitthenner,
Josiah Klingensmith,
John B. Zimmele.

Resolved, That only the summaries, without the items of the several accounts, shall be printed in the Minutes.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. F. Veit.

NINTH SESSION.

October 23, 9 A. M.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. B. Fox. The roll was called and the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Resolved, That all speeches to-day shall be limited to five minutes.

The Committee appointed to report on the Reports of the several Committees on Home Missions presented the following, which was adopted :

Report of the Committee on Home Mission Reports.

WHEREAS, The Annual Reports of the English, German, and Swedish Committees on Home Missions, have been this year of most encouraging and satisfactory character, we suggest that the General Council express its sentiments thereon in the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we lift our hearts in devout gratitude to our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Head of the Church, for the manifest tokens of His grace and blessing on our Mission work.

2. *Resolved*, That we gratefully recognize the judicious wisdom, earnestness and zeal which have been shown by those to whom this work was entrusted, whether members of these Committees or Missionaries in the field, through whose efforts such gratifying results have been attained.

3. *Resolved*, That we call upon our Congregations to be of strong heart concerning the future of our Church in this country, to lift up their eyes and see the greatness of the work yet remaining to be done, and to cease not in their prayers and enlarged contributions and efforts to gather in and save this harvest to our Lord and His Church.

J. FRY,
A. RODELL,
S. KLINGMAN,
N. CONRAD,
A. W. POTTEIGER.

Resolved, That this action be printed with the Reports of the three Committees, which are to be issued separately.

The Committee on Ward's Island presented the following Report, which was adopted:

Ward's Island Committee.

Your Committee appointed to visit the institutions of Ward's Island, N. Y., feels gratified to be able to report that they found not only the institutions devoted to the bodily comfort and welfare of the sick and destitute Emigrants in a most complete condition, but that we also were convinced, which gave us great joy, how blessed and important the work is which our Mission Chaplain, the Rev. L. H. Gerndt, is enabled to do. The Emigrants of the Protestant Churches are provided with the Word of God and the Sacraments, and with all that their spiritual necessities and their destitute condition demand, and we can only hope and wish

that Pastor Gerndt may be permitted for a long time to occupy his position for the benefit of the poor Emigrants, and that the Officers of these institutions may also in the future, as in the past, with the care for the bodily wants connect the care for their spiritual necessities.

Your Committee begs leave also to direct the attention of the members of the General Council to the fact that this Mission is in want of sound and useful literature, especially of Hymn Books, Catechisms, Prayer Books, etc., and that such gifts will be most gratefully received.

G. A. Hinterleitner,
H. Grahn,
F. Wischan,
A. W. Potteiger.

Report of Committee on the Church Book was presented.

Report of the Church Book Committee.

As the General Council at its last meeting appointed a Committee to have charge of the publications of the Council, the Committee on the Church Book will no longer present the accounts of the several books.

I.—Sunday School Books.

The Council having given directions for the publication of an edition of the German Sontags Schul Buch, without music, the desire has been expressed that before the issue of that edition several changes may be made in the Service for Opening the School.

1. That the Opening Antiphons of the Vesper Service be placed at the beginning of the Service, instead of the opening sentences.

2. That the Hymn may follow the Psalm, instead of preceding it.

These requests are submitted for the consideration of the Council, and it is hoped that a decision may be made at this time, so that if the change be made it may be at once incorporated in the new edition.

Whether the change, if ordered to be made in the German Sunday School Book, should also be at once made in the English editions, is submitted for decision.

4. It is also proposed that in both the English and German Sunday School Books, the Rubric in the service for Opening the

School which precedes the Ten Commandments, be changed so as to allow the use at that place on the first four Sundays of the month of the first four parts of Luther's Small Catechism.

II.—A Common Service Book for English Churches.

The General Council in 1879, accepted an invitation to unite with the General Synod, South, in the preparation of an Order of Service for Evangelical Lutheran Churches using the English language, upon specified conditions. Your Committee have recently received a request to meet and confer with the Committee of that Body, during its Sessions at Charleston, in the Easter week, 1884. Your Committee would recommend that Revs. Jos. A. Seiss and B. M. Schumcker be appointed to meet and confer with them for the purpose designated.

III.—The Orders for Ministerial Acts.

The Committee regret that they have not made the progress which they had expected and promised, but they have arranged for meetings during the coming year, at the Christmas holidays, in the summer and preceding the next meeting of the Council, that they hope next year not to deserve the censure which at this time they so richly merit.

The Rite of Confirmation presents such peculiarities in its history as to make it eminently desirable that the principles upon which the Order for the Rite rests should be determined by the Council. To this end the history of the Rite in the Lutheran Church, chiefly in the normal period of the Sixteenth century, has been prepared and published in the Church Review.

The position of the Lutheran Church, with reference to Confirmation, the principles which must determine the character of the Order for its administration, the component parts of such Order in their succession, the Committee are prepared to present to the Council, together with the most complete and unobjectionable Order for the Rite found in any pure Lutheran Agenda of the Sixteenth century, in the original German and in an English translation.

The report was received and considered by items.

Item I. Sections one and two were adopted. On section three action postponed for one year. Section four was adopted with the omission of the words "first four" before the word "parts."

Item II was adopted.

Item III was considered, and it was

Resolved, That the committee is hereby instructed to present at the next convention forms for Baptism and Confirmation, and, if possible, for other Ministerial Acts.

Resolved, That these forms shall be printed and distributed before the next convention, and shall be the subject of doctrinal discussion at that convention.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The report of the Committee on Publication was presented as follows:

Report of the Committee for the Publication and Sale of the Books of the General Council.

Your Committee would respectfully report that during the year we earnestly endeavored to make arrangements to pay off the indebtedness still resting on the Publications of the General Council, and where possible, to assume their publication.

GERMAN CHURCH BOOK.

The amount due Messrs. Sherman & Co. on the German Church Book, as per last year's report, was $1,337.77. On this sum interest was charged at 6 per cent. This debt was reduced by sales to $595.05. Having secured an allowance of $15.05, your Committee, by the kindness of its treasurer, Mr. John C. File, was enabled to advance the balance, $580, free of interest, and to pay off the bill of Messrs. Sherman & Co. for this book. Since then the debt has been further reduced to $393.25.

By an arrangement made with Messrs. Marley & Co., binders, the book will be bound in good strong binding at the following rates:

PER 100 COPIES.	LARGE SIZE.	SMALL SIZE.
Roan Arabesque, plain	$21 00	$14 00
" " gilt edged	30 50	20 00
Imitation Morocco, full gilt	48 00	31 00

We have also had prepared stamps of a churchly [illegible] were approved by the President of this body, for the covers of the book issued and bound by authority of your Committee. Samples of both sizes are herewith submitted.

During the year 5,000 copies of the small edition were printed. There are now on hand 550 copies of the 12mo. and 1,000 copies of the 24mo. sizes; of these 100 copies of the large and 200 of the small editions are bound. The value of this stock on hand is $538.50.

The plates of the book are in the fire-proof vaults of the Messrs. Sherman & Co., and are fully protected by his insurance. This book, instead of yielding a premium of fifteen cents for the large and ten cents for the small sizes, will pay about thirty-three cents for the large and fifteen cents for the small editions into the church treasury.

THE GERMAN CATECHISM.

Your Committee has also assumed the control and publication of this book, by paying to the Pilger Book Store and to Messrs. Brobst, Diehl & Co., the amount advanced by them in defraying the cost of the plates, minus the premiums due the Council. Two thousand copies had just been printed, and these were retained by the Pilger Book Store at a premium of four cents per copy instead of $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents formerly paid.

The account stands thus:

Cost of plates of Catechism		$137 56
Cost of "Plates for Preface" and "Alterations."		12 24
Total		$149 80
Premiums on 4,000 copies first printed at $1\frac{1}{2}$ cts. per copy	$60 00	
" " 2,000 " at 4 cts	80 00	
		$140 00
Still due		$ 9 80

The other books belonging to this body are: the German Sunday School Book, the English Sunday School Book and the English Catechism.

THE GERMAN SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK.

After the pleasant negotiations by which we secured the German Catechism, we made the same offer in the case of the German Sunday School Book.

The agreement made with the publishers of this book at the time when it was first issued, states distinctly:

"The 'Verlagsrecht,'" [*i. e.*, the right to publish] "the copyright, shall be secured by the Committee for the General Council, and shall forever belong to it."

"The cost of the stereotype plates is to be borne by the General Council, and those plates remain forever the property of this body."

The money necessary in manufacturing the plates was advanced by the publishers without interest, and was to be paid back by the accruing premium (five cents per copy), unless the amount could

be refunded sooner by special contributions from the Sunday schools.

The offer accepted for the German Catechism was refused in the case of this book and instead another proposition was submitted by the publishers, which your Committee could not accept.

Your Committee believes that the publishers, by reason of the large sales, have had a very nice income from this book during nearly seven years, and ought now to allow all the profits to flow into the treasury of the General Council. The Committee, if allowed to publish the book, is certain of being able to turn over from $150 to $180 per 1000 copies sold instead of the $50 per 1000, which the Church never receives. Two thousand copies of this book were sold during the year on which the premiums amount to $100.

THE ENGLISH SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK AND CATECHISM.

The publisher of these books refuses to recognize your Commitmittee or to enter into any negotiations with it.

Your Committee would be able to issue the English Sunday School Book with music at a profit to the Church of from $180 to $200 per 1,000 copies instead of $30 per 1,000 copies now received. The Sunday School Book without music could yield $100 per 1,000 instead of $18. The Catechism could also yield $100 per 1,000 copies instead of $15.

On inquiry we have ascertained that the number of the books sold is as follows:

1,008 Catechism 1½c. premium each	$ 15 12
2,500 S. S. Book without music, 1 4-5c. each	45 00
1,510 S. S. Book with music, 3c. each	45 30
Total	$105 42

Your Committee would respectfully ask the Council for instructions as to the course which ought to be pursued in the case of the books not yet controlled by it.

Respectfully submitted.

F. Wischan,
F. W. Weiskotten,
Jno. C. File.

The report was received and considered by items.

Resolved, That the afternoon session shall begin at two o'clock.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. Richter.

TENTH SESSION.

OCTOBER 23, 2 P. M.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. L. Koenig. The roll was called and the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The consideration of the Report on Publications was resumed.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the General Council be instructed to endeavor to secure a settlement of all questions with reference to the Sunday School Book, English and German, which may be at issue with the publishers of the same, and that, if necessary, they be authorized to appoint one person, the publishers another, and, if needed, these two another, whose decision shall be accepted by all.

Resolved, That after the settlement of these questions, the Committee on Publications be authorized to proceed under their instructions.

Mr. J. C. File presented the following

Report of the Treasurer of the Publication Committee.

PHILADELPHIA, October 15, 1883.

DR.

As per statement rendered by Sherman & Co.

Nov. 30, 1882.	Due "	$1,286 05	
" "	Printing 2,000 small	220 00	
April 1, 1883.	" 3,000 "	330 00	
		$ 1,836 05	

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April 21, cash	1,241 00	
	595 05	
Allowance	15 05	
Net balance due them	580 00	

Which amount was loaned by the Treasurer, J. C. File, and others and paid to Sherman & Co., and receipt received in full.

Due the Treasurer for amount paid Sherman & Co. for their balance		$ 580 00
Paid Marley & Co. for binding 200 copies small ed., 14c.	$ 28 00	
" " " 100 " large " 21c.	21 00	
		49 00
For binding plates		40 00
W. E. Hering, bill		5 75
" "		4 50
		$ 679 25

Received of Mr. H. Michaelson, Mendota, Ills.,			
for G. Brumder, Milwaukee, for 400 cop's, 40c..	160 00		
" 600 " 21c..	126 00		
		286 00	
Premium per Pilger Books, pro. on 2,000 Catechism.....		80 00	
			366 00
			313 25
Cost of Catechism plates.....			89 80
			$ 403 05

Stock on hand—

Bound, 100 large edition. } Sheets, large, 450.
" 200 small " } Sheets, small, 800.

The Report was received and referred to an auditing committee consisting of Messrs. H. Lehman and J. Born.

The report of the Publication Committee, as a whole, was adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be returned to the members of the Committee who have advanced money without interest, for the purpose of removing the debt resting on the Publications of the Council.

The same Committee was re-elected for the ensuing year.

The undersigned Committee, appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Publication Committee of the General Council, have examined them and find them to be correct.

October 22, 1883.

HENRY LEHMAN,
JOHN BORN.

Report of the Trustees of the General Council.

The Trustees of the General Council held one meeting since the last Annual Convention. Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D., was elected President; Rev. S. Laird, Secretary, and W. H. Staake, Esq., Treasurer.

The only item of business transacted was instructing the Treasurer to pay the claim of the Rev. R. Neuman for $898.69, as ordered by the Council at its Convention in 1882. (See Minutes of 1882, p. 105.) Payment has been made.

The term for which the Rev. C. P. Krauth, D. D., LL. D., Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D., and Rev. S. Laird were elected, expires this year.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL LAIRD,
Sec. of the Board.

The report was adopted.

An election was held for Trustees for the term of three years, and resulted in the choice of Revs. A. Spaeth, D. D., S. Laird and H. E. Jacobs, D. D.

The following report on the new edition of Luther's Work was adopted:

Report of the Committee on the Complete Edition of Dr. Martin Luther's Works. Weimar, 1883.

In commemoration of the 400th Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther's birth, Rev. J. T. Knaake, who for many years has been preparing for the work by scientific investigations, has begun, as a fitting national monument, for which Luther himself furnished the material, a complete edition of his works, critically correct and meeting the demands of the strictest scientific requirements, and supplementing all previous editions by the addition of such of his writings as have heretofore not been published. This work is offered to the public in elegant form, fully worthy of the subject. It is illustrated by a faithful reproduction of wood cuts by the masters of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth century, and furnished with special introductions to each document in which are indicated their origin and the different editions with their mutual relations. It is, moreover, so complete in bibliographical notices, that thereby not only the history of printing is enriched, but, above all, the spiritual agitations of the times are prominently presented, as they are reflected in his writings, in their chronological order, thus affording us a deeper insight into his spiritual growth and activity as preacher, catechist, reformer, master of the German language, etc.

The General Council, without disparagement to previous editions, especially those of Walch and Erlangen, cannot but express its high gratification at the appearance, at this time, of what promises to be the best edition of Luther's Works yet offered to the public, and the publication of which has been made possible by the liberality of the German Emperor, and we heartily unite with others in recommending it as an invaluable library in itself, calling upon our congregations throughout the country to purchase this work for their own and their pastor's benefit.

E. F. Moldehnke,
S. Fritsdrel,
J. H. Baden.

The Committee appointed last year on securing lots for churches and schools on the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad, reported as follows:

Report on Church Lots.

The Committee to whom was entrusted the duty of conferring with the authorities of the Northern Pacific Railroad in reference to securing sites for churches and schools, respectfully submit the following, as their report:

As the result of correspondence and personal interview with the leading officers of this company, it has become apparent that the carrying out of this action of the General Council is attended with difficulties which were not anticipated. It is necessary only to refer to one of these, viz.: that the policy of the company is already an established one, to donate church lots in the towns which have been laid out by the road and are under its control only to congregations and associations on the evidence of their occupying them at once, or the pledged promise of doing so within a given time. Your Committee have not been able thus far to obtain any additional concessions, desirable as it seems to us to secure sites for churches and schools, to be held by this body in trust for such organizations in the future. We are not without hope, however, that the company may see that it is for its own interest, to make some further concessions, in this respect, so that the vast incoming Scandinavian and German emigration may be influenced by churchly and educational provisions to concentrate at every suitable locality on this great highway to the Pacific.

W. A. Passavant,
A. Rodell,
W. H. Staake,
W. A. Hauff,
W. A. Schmitthenner.

The report was adopted.

Report of Committee on President's report was presented.

Report of the Committee on the President's Report.

The following points claim the attention of the Council:

1. The letters of Rev. Geo. Turk. Inasmuch this case was disposed of at the late meeting of the Synod of Michigan, no further action need now be taken.

2. The request of some ladies, members of St. James' church, Vandalia, Ill., that "the Council take such steps, and order such measures, as will insure the speedy organization of the women of the church in societies, whose object shall be the cause of Missions."

The Mission work is the work of the whole Church. The agency which is charged with this work is the whole Church. In this work all the members of the Church have part. The divinely appointed organization which should have charge of this work, is first the congregation, then in our own sphere of labor the Synod, as the union of congregations, then the General Council as the union of Synods. This recognized combination and organization of agencies is that to which, in the Lutheran Church in America, the superintendency and direction of the Missionary work is rightfully committed. The principle which has thus far been recognized by the General Council, is that the Church itself should have the management of the work with which the Lord has charged it.

Within the individual congregation such measures for the support and enlargement of the work of Missions may be adopted as the congregation may deem best. Such arrangements should be under the supervision of the congregation, be responsible to it, be alterable by it, and action through such agencies is the action of the congregation itself.

3. With reference to the communication from the President of the Texas Synod, we propose that we regret the absence of a delegate from the Texas Synod, and hope that one may be sent to the next meeting of the Council.

4. The President refers to the commemoration in this year of the four hundreth memorial of Luther's birth in terms which fitly express the sentiments of the Council as well as of the whole Lutheran Church. The universal recognition of the eminent services of the great Reformer, and the noble memorials of him which have been undertaken in our own and other lands, are evidence of the high esteem in which his memory is held, and will contribute to the perpetuation of his influence.

5. The suggestion of the President that it is fitting that this year should not pass away without an effort to bring into closer union in our General Council those who are one in the unreserved acceptance of the confessions of our Church, and who have declared their approval of the doctrinal basis of the General Council, or who may hereafter declare it, merits earnest consideration. We would propose that such bodies be and hereby are invited to consider whether it is not both possible and eminently to be desired that they should enter into full union with the General Council by the adoption of its Constitution and the sending of delegates to its meetings. We would also propose that the President and Corre-

sponding Secretaries of the Council be a Committee to confer with any such bodies who may open correspondence with them.

6. The report closes with an expression of the sorrow of the Church as represented in the Council at the loss sustained by the death of Dr. C. P. Krauth. The statement of fundamental principles of doctrine and policy on which the General Council rests its Constitution were prepared by him; his advocacy of those principles in the years preceding had so much influence in preparing the Churches for the important step taken, and his explanation and maintenance of them contributed so much to secure the approval which has been given them; his services in and for the Council were so varied, so long continued and of so great importance, that his death has caused a loss which can scarcely be overestimated, and while sorrowing over the loss we and the kingdom of our Lord have sustained, we give thanks to God for the great blessings bestowed on us in his talents, his learning, his labors, his prayers, and for the results which have come from them.

We would express the hope that the writings of Dr. Krauth, his contributions to the history of our Church and her Confessions, his elucidations of her doctrines and cultus, may be gathered together and published, so that, though his living presence be removed from us, and his voice be no longer heard in our councils, he, though dead, may yet speak. Such collection of his writings would be the noblest tribute to his memory, the most enduring monument of his usefulness and an occasion for grateful rejoicing to the Church.

THE COMMITTEE.

The item in regard to the death of Rev. Dr. C. P. Krauth was adopted by a standing vote. The report was adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on the Minutes of the last Convention of the General Council.

Your Committee has examined the last year's Minutes and found the following worthy of attention: On page 69 in the German Minutes, is a resolution that the Committee on Foreign Missions be instructed to prepare a history of the Telugu Mission. (The resolution is not to be found in the English Minutes.) What has been done to have such very desirable history to lay before our Congregations?

A. RICHTER,
H. GILBERT.
A. RODELL,
JOHN BORN,
A. HERTZELL.

The report was received. Attention was called to the resolution referred to, and then the report was adopted.

Report of the Committee on the Minutes of District Synods.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the proceedings of the District Synods, would respectfully submit the following report:

MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The 136th Annual Meeting of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, &c., was held at Norristown, Pa., May 17 to May 23, 1883. The Synod numbers 214 ordained Ministers, of whom 180 were present. There were also in attendance 98 lay delegates. The Congregations number 380—and the Confirmed Members, 80,368.

The amount expended on education of young men preparing for the Ministry, was $1,850 in aiding thirteen young men at College, and $2,200 in aiding eighteen young men at the Theological Seminary; total, $4,050.

The amount expended on sixteen Missions under the direct care of the Executive Committee of Synod was $2,337.50, and on the ten Missions under the control of the Board of City (Philadelphia) Missions, was $2,687.50; total, $5,025. The Missions under the direct care of the Executive were the following: 1. The New Jersey Mission, Rev. G. F. Miller, pastor; 2. Chester, Pa., without a pastor at present; 3. Phoenixville, Pa., now self-sustaining; 4. Phillipsburg, N. J., now self-sustaining; 5. Trinity Church, Catasauqua, Pa., now self-sustaining; 6. Eckly, Pa., Rev. J. H. Schmidt, pastor; 7. Wilkesbarre, Pa., Rev. W. A. Schaeffer, pastor; 8. St. Peter's Church, at Petersburg, near Scranton, Pa.; 9. The English Mission, at Scranton, Pa., Rev. M. L. Zweizig, pastor; 10. Pittston, Luzerne county, Pa., Rev. G. A. Strunz, pastor; 11. Sand Cut, Wayne county, Pa., Rev. A. W. Walter, pastor; 12. Bangor, Pa., Rev. B. F. Appel, pastor; 13. Gerardville, Pa., Rev. W. H. Rehrig, pastor; 14. Lykens, Pa., Rev. M. B. Lenker, pastor; 15. Middleburg, Snyder county, Rev. D. E. Reed, pastor; and 16. Germania, Pa., Rev. J. H. Voss, pastor.

The Philadelphia City Missions aided were the following:

English Missions: 1. St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, Rev. W. K. Frick, pastor; 2. Christ's Church, at Chestnut Hill, Rev. C. J. Hirzell, pastor; 3. St. Peter's Church, Phil'a, Rev. E. R. Cassady, pastor; 4. Church of the Advent, Phil'a, Rev. J. F. C. Fluck, pastor; 5. Church of the Epiphany, Camden, N. J., Rev. J. L. Sibole,

pastor; 6. St. Stephen's Church, West Phil'a, Rev. J. K. Plitt, pastor, now self-sustaining.

German Missions: 1. St. Peter's, West Phil'a, Pa., Rev. C. F. Welden, pastor; 2. Immanuel Church, Frankford, Rev. M. Schimpf, pastor; 3. St. Thomas' Church, Germantown, Rev. C. G. Fisher, pastor; 4. Trinity Church, Rising Sun, Rev. A. Linsz, pastor.

The Executive Committee also appropriated to the General Council English and German Home Mission Committees, $2,144.42. To Foreign Missions, $2,784.41 were paid from the Treasury.

Twelve young men were solemnly ordained to the Gospel Ministry. The Synod resolved "that the Ministerium in Annual Convention, on this four hundredth anniversary of Luther's birth, signalize this year by entering, in the name of the Lord, on an earnest effort to erect new and substantial buildings for our Theological Seminary at Philadelphia." It also resolved "that the erection of the new and extensive buildings for our Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, shall be undertaken as a suitable memorial of the four hundredth anniversary year of Luther's birth, the estimated cost of which will be $100,000; that we aim at raising an average of at least one dollar per member throughout all our Congregations for this purpose, during this Synodical year," and "that the co-operation of the other Synods in connection with the General Council, interested in the Seminary, be solicited to aid in the prosecution of this work."

Extended biographical sketches of the late Revs. C. P. Krauth, D. D., LL.D., L. G. Eggers, A. T. Geissenhainer and B. C. Snyder, were read.

The Synod was greatly gratified to learn that the heirs of the lamented Rev. C. P. Krauth, D. D., would present the valuable library of the departed, to the Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

The report of the Board of Trustees of Muhlenburg College, showed that during the past year 79 students were in the Collegiate and 43 in the Academic departments—total, 122. Of the 14 members of the graduating class, 9 had the Ministry in view.

The Orphans' Home, &c., at Germantown, was well managed, and received the support of the Congregations.

The next annual meeting of the Ministerium will be held in St. John's Church, Reading, Pa., beginning on Thursday, before Trinity Sunday, June 5, 1884.

The Ministerium of New York.

The Ministerium of New York, etc., held its last annual meeting in St. Mark's, German, Evangelical Lutheran Church, New York, N. Y., May 31st to June 5th, 1883. The Ministerium numbers 74 pastors, 67 congregations, 22,238 communicants, 31 congregational schools, 43 teachers, 1,982 scholars, 73 Sunday Schools, 1,239 teachers, 12,217 scholars. The receipts for Synodical work were for 1882-83, $5,610.90. Ten Missions were aided at West Webster, Port Chester, Newburg, Ellenville, Narrowsburg, Weehawken, Wappinger Falls, West Henrietta, Woodbridge and Woodhaven. Also the Mission field among the destitute of Ward's Island. Three students were aided. Three candidates for the ministry were ordained.

The new Constitution of the Synod was completed and referred to the congregations for their actions during the present Synodical year, on its final adoption.

The Synod resolved during the present memorial year to raise $30,000 to endow a German Theological Professorship as a thank-offering for the blessings of God granted to us by the labors of the great reformer, Martin Luther.

The Minutes of the Synod also stated that, as congregations within the bounds of the Synod have in connection with their picnics, etc., dancing to the great offence of many souls, it was resolved that the Synod, in the name of Jesus, most earnestly entreat and exhort such congregations to abstain from such offence and improprieties.

The Faculty of the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia, Pa., was respectfully requested to render its opinion touching the doctrine of election.

The next meeting of the Ministerium will be held (D. V.) June 11th, 1884, in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Rev. P. G. Berkemyer, pastor.

Pittsburgh Synod.

This body is actively, zealously and successfully engaged in the work of the Church. Her congregations are being strengthened, waste places are being reclaimed, new fields are being explored and the scattered members of the household of God are being supplied with the preached Word and the Sacraments. With the growing

demands of her Missionary labors, to supply the pressing wants of her educational works, the resources of the Synod are taxed to their utmost. She accomplished much, yet much remains to be accomplished. During the past year she has sustained sixteen Missions in the following places: Alliance, Ohio: Allegheny Valley, Butler, Cleveland, Ohio; Corry, East Liberty, East Liverpool, Ohio; Franklin, Kittanning, Greenwood and Balger, Parker City, Renevo, Ridgeway, Rochester, Washington and in Dodridge and Wetzel counties, West Virginia. In addition to these fields she supports a Missionary in Novia Scotia, in the person of Rev. G. C. Cossman, D. D., who labors among the Germans in that province. These Missions comprise a communicant membership of 1,570. In his report the Missionary President says: "That there has been a gradual growth and advance made in the good work of upbuilding."

During the past year the Synod also aided eight young men in their preparation for the Gospel ministry. The recent annual meeting held at Erie, Pa., from Aug. 22 to 27, 1883, was one of unusual interest and profit. Aid was voted to eighteen Missionaries; ten young men were received on the Educational funds, the payment of the salary of a professor in Thiel College was provided for, and in the name of the Lord the erection of Concordia Hall, a building much needed to meet the growing wants of Thiel College, was resolved upon. Twenty-five thousand dollars at least will be required to carry this work to a successful completion. The Synod also favored the undertaking of providing a new Theological Seminary, and pledged her co-operation to the Ministerium of Pennsylvania to the amount of her ability.

We gather the following statistics from the last published minutes:

Ministers, 81; congregations, 128; members, 14,685. Contributions: Home Missions, $2,630.94; Education, $1,392.25. Total to Synodical work: $6,657.25. Other objects: Benevolent, $5,-839.06; Local, $52,321.94. Total: $64,818.25.

The District Synod of Ohio.

This Synod held its twenty-seventh annual convention in St. Paul's Church, Lima, Ohio, from August 29 to September 4, 1883. It has upon its roll 35 pastors and 70 congregations, with an aggregate membership of 7,800 souls. The Sunday Schools number 49, with 4,750 scholars and 460 officers and teachers. Only two

charges and one Mission were reported as vacant. The Mission at Middlepoint was declared self-sustaining and placed upon the list of pastorates. A new and promising Mission was established at Delphos, a thriving town of 5,000 souls, located at the crossing of the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago Railroad, and the Toledo, Delphos & Burlington Railroad. Rev. G. Sill has charge of this Mission.

This Synod contributes to the support of eight Missions, located in its bounds, namely: Ava, Columbus, London, Paulding, Defiance, Pawnee, Delphos and Toledo. The latter Mission is supported conjointly by this Synod and the General Council. These Missions have grown slowly, but their progress has been steady, healthful and hopeful.

Four young men are receiving aid in their preparation for the Gospel ministry, three at Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and one at Thiel College.

The fourth centennary of Luther's birth was appropriately observed by the Synod setting apart a special service for that purpose which proved highly successful and impressive.

The Synod recommends similar services to be held in all of its pastorates. A resolution was passed by this Synod requesting its delegates to the General Council to urge the immediate preparation of the forms for Ministerial Acts, and the Constitution for Synods.

The Michigan Synod.

The Synod of Michigan held its annual meeting October 11–16, 1883, in Salem's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Scio, Washteraw county, Michigan, and celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its organization, as also the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of the great Reformer, Dr. Martin Luther, by holding four appropriate services.

The proposition to adopt a new Constitution of the Synod, was extensively discussed and action taken looking to such an end.

Five Congregations, one Pastor, and two teachers were received. A new candidate for the Ministry, Mr. Markus, arrived from Germany to enter upon the work of the Lord in this country. Another candidate for the Ministry, Mr. Charles Muller, who commenced his theological studies under the supervision of Pastor Dewald, at New Brunswick, N. J., is at present continuing his studies under the direction of Pastor Klingman.

The Mission work of this Synod is steadily and successfully growing. A new field of labor at and near South Haven, on Lake Michigan, has been receiving attention from Pastor Merz. Four new Churches were consecrated for the service of the Triune God. Three others are under construction. A large school-house of two-stories was erected by the Congregation of Pastor G. Eberhard, at Layman City.

The support of Missionary Pastors during the past year amounted to $800.

An increased interest in the Tulugu Mission work in India became apparent during the past year.

During the last Synodical meeting the desire was repeatedly expressed that the General Council would complete and publish the long-promised new Agenda. Thus the Synod also directs renewed attention to a previously expressed desire for the publication of a German Theological Journal.

The Synod will hold its next meeting October 2, 1884, at Marshall, Michigan.

The Synod passed two resolutions touching the death of two distinguished laborers in the Lutheran Church, Rev. Dr. C. P. Krauth, the fearless and faithful defender of the truth and for many years President of the General Council, and Rev. Fr. Schmid, of Ann Arbor, the greatly esteemed and active Senior of the Synod. By these resolutions the Synod entered on its minutes memorials of these faithful servants of God.

The Augustana Synod.

The Augustana Synod held its twenty-fourth annual meeting at Red Wing, Minn., June 14–22, 1883. During this meeting 16 young men were ordained to the Ministry, and three English Pastors were received as members of the Synod, so that now the Synod has 174 Ministers. Communicant members number 50,991; whole membership, 88,084. Contributions for Home Missions last year amounted to $8,164.46, and for Foreign Missions, $1,938.47. Inasmuch as there is a special report from the Swedish Mission Committee, we need not here speak more about the Mission work, but only refer to that report.

During the last year there has been an increased interest in behalf of education. Not only have the older institutions, Augustana College at Rock Island, Ill., and Gustavus Adolphus College

at St. Peter, Minn., been attended by a greater number of students, but new schools have been established, one at Lindsborg, Kansas, and one at Wahoo, Neb., and one more is being established within the Iowa Conference.

The buildings at Rock Island have become too small, and the institution must be enlarged in order to accommodate all who desire to attend. The Synod, therefore, decided at its last meeting to begin to build another house at Rock Island, to be known as the Jubilee Building, in commemoration of this the four hundredth anniversary of Luther's birth.

Last year, $15,683.82 were raised for educational purposes, and for benevolent purposes, $26,384.04.

Within the Synod there are 277 Sunday Schools and 205 parochial schools.

In order to keep as many as possible of the young people within the Lutheran Church, the Synod is beginning to lay more stress upon a wise use of the English language. Not only is the previous year marked by the election of an American professor for the Theological Seminary at Rock Island, but by the establishment of English Congregations within the Synod.

The Mission in Utah has been carried on with great zeal and success, and the Synod hopes next year to have more Missionaries at work in this important field. We would call particular attention to this great Mission among the Scandinavian Mormons. For the support of this Mission, the Synod raised last year $2,432.00 When we consider that there are about forty thousand Scandinavians who have fallen a prey to Mormonism, we ought to feel it our inevitable duty to do something for their salvation.

A Church Extension Society is, according to a decission at the last meeting, to be organized within the Synod.

Synod of Canada.

This Synod held its twenty-third Convention in St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Heidelburg, Waterloo county, Ont., from June 12–18, 1883. This Synod numbers 21 Pastors and 65 Congregations, of which 10 Congregations receive aid from the Mission funds.

The Treasurer's report shows that $1,468.31 were received and $1,439.77 were expended. The *Kirchenblatt* has about 900 subscribers. The amount exceeding expenses was $115.53. In reference to the observance of the four hundredth anniversary of the

birth of the great Reformer, Dr. Martin Luther, the Synod appointed a Committee to prepare and publish in the *Kirchenblatt* a proper order of service for the worthy observance of this great festival.

The Synod also resolved to organize a society to aid disabled Ministers. A Committee was appointed to prepare rules to be observed in the distribution of the funds, and to submit the same at the next Convention of the Synod.

The next annual meeting of the Synod will be held on the Thursday preceeding full moon in June, 1884, at Sebastopol, Perth county, Ont.

Synod of Texas.

The thirty-first annual meeting of this body was held April 15–19, 1883, in St. John's Church, near Fayette, Fayette county, Texas. All of the Pastors were present, excepting Rev. G. Evans, who was sick.

The Synod received two new candidates for the Ministry from Germany, who, after examination, were ordained and received as members of the Ministerium. Two other Ministers, who are supplying Congregations belonging to this Synod, have made application for reception. Besides these, the Synod expects to receive four more laborers, of whom one has already been directed to proceed to Texas.

By the liberal aid of the General Council, per the German Home Mission Committee of the same, the Synod has been enabled to appoint and support a traveling Missionary to visit and to preach to the spiritually destitute scattered throughout the State.

The Synod numbers 31 Pastors, 33 Congregations, 22 Mission stations, and 5,500 communicants.

The annual receipts for Synodical treasury, for Missions and the support of disabled Ministers, amounted to $700. Pastors and Congregations contributed to the support of other benevolent objects, as also to Foreign Missions. Four hundred dollars were paid to support the Reise Prediger (traveling Missionary). In High Prairie, Burleson county, a new Church was consecrated.

The next annual meeting of the Synod will be held on the third Sunday after Trinity, 1884, in Trinity Church, at Victoria, Victoria county, Texas.

The Indiana Synod.

The thirteenth annual Convention of this body was held at Mulberry. Its deliberations were chiefly devoted to the subject of Home Missions. During the past year a new Mission was established in Decatur, Ills., which bids fair to become the most important that has thus far fallen under the care of the Synod. A site, centrally located and well adapted for Church purposes, was secured for $4,000, two thousand being paid at once and the remainder falling due in two years. Of the original cost, $3,500 were assumed by a single member, who has often given the Synod substantial evidence of his interest in the work of Home Missions.

It is the firm belief of those who have brought the work in Decatur to its present flourishing condition, that with efficient pastoral care the charge will, in a few years, be able to maintain itself.

Decatur is an active and growing city of 12,000 inhabitants, a valuable railroad center, and the capital of a county with a population of 34,000. The Mission is the only English Lutheran Church in the county. It is the belief of those familiar with the locality and prospects, that any assistance which may be rendered will be judiciously placed and bear abundant fruit. A Missionary with the requisite qualifications has already taken charge of the enterprise and enjoys the active sympathy of his people.

A movement is now on foot to divide one of the large charges of this Synod which, when consummated, will result in the organization of a new Mission in the beautiful and enterprising city of Frankfort, the capital of Clinton county.

Holston Synod.

This Synod convened at Bachler's Church, Sullivan county, Tenn., August 16–19, 1883. No minutes of the proceedings of this body reached the Committee. A letter from the President states that the Synod is increasing in the number of members and in the attachment to pure doctrine and churchly devotion.

German Synod of Iowa.

As this Synod held its last annual meeting June 15–22, 1882, there were no minutes of a meeting of this year to be examined.

The Committee now direct the attention of the General Council :

1st. To the request of the District Synod of Ohio, that the forms for Ministerial Acts and the Constitution for Synods be speedily published.

2d. To the request of Michigan Synod for the early appearance of the new Agenda, and the publication of a German theological journal.

Respectfully submitted.

F. J. F. Schuntz, H. E. Sackman,
L. Koenig, H. Van der Smissen,
D. M. Kemerer, A. B. Lilja,
J. H. Hunton, A. W. Potteiger,
F. Veit, S. Wagenhalz,
Committee.

The report was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes of the Council.

Resolved, That the President of the General Council, for the Synod of which he is a member, and the Vice Presidents of the General Council, be requested to furnish, at the opening of its Annual Convention, an abstract of the proceedings and statistics of their respective Synods, such as may be incorporated in the report of the Committee on the Minutes of the District Synods, to enable said Committee to present its report during the early part of the Convention.

Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs was added to the Committee on Constitution for Synods.

Resolved, That $18 be paid Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs, for expenses incurred in connection with the English Catechism.

The Committee on Incorporation was ready to report, but, for want of time, the subject was postponed until next year.

Resolved, 1. That we have heard with joy of the establishment of a Lutheran institution at Rochester, N. Y., called into existence by the local Pastoral Conference at Rochester, under the supervision of Pastor Richter.

2. That we most heartily recommend this institution, founded by our brethren, especially to the Congregations at Rochester, the neighboring cities, and to the Synod of Canada.

The Council proceeded to the choice of the place where its next Convention shall be held. Invitations were received from Trinity English Church in Greenville, Pa., and Zion's German Church in Monroe, Michigan. The latter was chosen as the place of meeting.

The thanks of the Council were extended to the officers of the Emigrant House for the friendly attention shown this body in inviting its members to visit the institution and for the hospitality enjoyed. And the President was requested to express the thanks of the Council to the Congregation, in whose Church we have met, and to other friends who helped to entertain our members.

The time designated for the opening of the next Convention is October 16, 1884.

It was resolved that the Secretaries shall have as many copies of the Minutes printed as they deem necessary.

The Minutes of the present session were read and approved.

The Council adjourned with devotional services.

EDMUND BELFOUR,
English Recording Sec'y.

APPENDIX.

Sermons and Addresses.

Thursday morning, opening sermon, by the Rev. Prof. A. Spaeth, D. D.

Thursday evening, addresses on Dr. M. Luther, by Rev. J. Fry, D. D., and Rev. A. Richter.

Friday evening, Foreign Missions, Rev. Prof. A. Spaeth, D. D., and Dr. B. M. Schmucker, D. D.

Sunday morning, sermon by Prof. S. Fritschel, D. D.

Sunday evening, Home Missions, Rev. G. H. Trabert, in English; Rev. C. J. Petri, in Swedish; and Rev. E. F. Moldehnke, Ph. D., in German.

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The Seventeenth Convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, assembled in Zion's German Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Monroe, Michigan, Rev. J. Raible, pastor, on Thursday, October 16th, 1884, at 10:30 A. M.

The services began with a sermon in the German language by Rev. Prof. A. Spaeth, D. D., of Philadelphia, the President, after which the Holy Communion was administered to the delegates of the Convention by the officers of the Council.

FIRST SESSION.

Thursday, 2:30 P. M. The Council was formally opened by the President according to the Liturgical Forms of the church. The roll of Synods was called, and the following delegates were announced as being in attendance.

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Rev. H. Mertz.

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Rev J. C. Barb.

X. HOLSTON SYNOD OF EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

No representation.

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XI. NORWEGIAN-DANISH AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

No representation.

XII. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF IOWA.

Rev. Prof. S. Fritschel. D. D.,
" C. Beckel,
" T. Kroenke,
" J. Dinedorfer.

Visiting Ministers.

Rev. Schmitt,
" Stuemer,
" Heck,
" Seitz,
" Meier,
Rev. Bauer,
" Schober,
" Hossfelt,
" Prottengeier,
" Rausch.

The President then read his annual report of official correspondence, which was received and referred to a committee.

Report of the President.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Allow me to present the following brief statement concerning my official correspondence during the past year.

1. *The Publication of the German Church Book.*

On January 18, 1884, a letter was addressed to your president by the firm of Brobst, Diehl & Company, Allentown, Pennsylvania, asking my opinion concerning the action of the Publication Committee of this body in changing the terms on which the German Church Book of the General Council was sold. The different firms that were willing to engage in the sale of this book, under the original arrangement could buy 1,000 copies in sheets at $400 per thousand of the large size, and $210 per thousand of the small size, in which amount was included the premium accruing to the Council. The Publication Committee decided that the firms must buy from them the large edition in common binding at $75 per hundred. Against this action of the Committee complaint was made by the above mentioned firm. Your President thought he had no authority to interfere with the decision of the Committee, in consideration of the following facts:

In 1881, the General Council authorized the Church Book Committee to reduce the number of copies to be sold to the firms below

1,000 as the Committee would find it expedient. In accordance with this resolution, sales of a smaller number were authorized without, however, making a change in the price.

In 1882 the care of all the publications of the General Council was given over to the newly appointed Publication Committee, with the single restriction that this Committee shall have no authority to make any agreement permanently binding on the Council without its previous consent.

The action of the Committee in changing the terms on which books are to be sold to the publishing firms does not come within the above restriction, and if there are any questions raised or complaints made against the wisdom or fairness of their new arrangement, they should be made on the floor of the Council when the report of the Publication Committee is considered.

2. *The Immigrant Mission in New York.*

On February 29, 1884, Mr. Wm. Hauff, secretary of our Committee on Immigrant Mission in New York, addressed a letter to me, stating that the Swedish Missionary, Mr. Lilja, was authorized by the Committee to collect contributions for the Mission, as nothing had been done so far for his support, and asking the President of the General Council to give to this effort an official recommendation. As the General Council at its last meeting, after a lengthy and thorough discussion of the whole subject had resolved "that the Immigrant Mission Committee be instructed to continue their appropriation to the support of the Swedish missionary and be authorized to appeal to the churches for the means needed for that purpose," I did not hesitate to recommend the efforts of the Swedish missionary to our churches, and I am happy to say they were crowned with considerable success.

3. *Ward's Island Mission.*

On July 10, 1884, the Rev. Phil. Krug, president of the Ministerium of New York, addressed a letter to me with reference to the position of the chaplain on Ward's Island, New York. He stated that the Commissioners of Emigration had decided to withdraw the salaries of the two chaplains who had heretofore been supported by them for the institutions on Ward's Island. The question presented itself, in what manner the means for the support of the Lutheran chaplain in that important missionary field were to be obtained. The President of the New York Ministerium published an appeal in the church papers, and asked the President of the General Council to bring this

matter to the knowledge of our pastors and churches at large. It is certainly an urgent duty of this General Council to provide for the maintenance of the ministry of the pure word and sacraments in that place of suffering and destitution, and I trust that this venerable body will take such steps that the well known and efficient missionary on Ward's Island may not be constrained to relinquish his post.

I submit this brief report with the earnest prayer that our dear Lord and Saviour may vouchsafe unto us at this meeting His gracious presence so that all our works begun, continued and ended in Him may glorify His holy name. Amen. A. SPAETH.

The election of officers was then ordered. Rev. E. Belfour, the English secretary, declined a re-election. The chair appointed Revs. A. Richter, J. A. Zahn and Mr. A. B. Lilja tellers, who reported the following as the result of the election :

President, - - -	Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D.
English Recording Secretary, -	" S. L. Harkey, D. D.
German Recording Secretary,	" F. W. Weiskotten.
English Corresponding Secretary,	" B. M. Schmucker, D. D.
German Corresponding Secretary -	" S. Klingman.
Swedish Corresponding Secretary,	" Prof. O. Olson,
Treasurer, - - -	W. H. Staake, Esq.

The Minutes of the last convention of this body were referred to a committee.

The Minutes of District Synods, reports of vice-Presidents, and other documents were called for, and handed in.

After some discussion the time of the sessions was fixed at 9 to 11:30 A. M., and 1:30 to 4:30 P. M.

The President announced the following Committees :

1. On President's Report.—Revs. E. Carlson, F. J. F. Schantz, and Mr. W. A. Schmitthenner.

2. Minutes of Last Convention.—Revs. E. Smith, Prof. Bauman and Prof. A. Rambo.

3. Minutes of District Synods.—Revs. M. C. Horine, A. Richter, G. W. Gerberding, J. H. Hunton, F. Veit, P. Sjoblom, Dr. S. Fritschel. J. C. Barb, H. Mertz, and Mr. E. Sperling.

4. Communication of Dr. E. Mohldenke, and the German Church Paper.—Revs. Ph. Krug, G. A. Hinterleitner, Prof. H. Gilbert. Mr. W. Hauff and W. A. Schmitthenner.

5. Papers from the Holston Synod.—Revs. S. Laird, G. H. Trabert, and Mr. T. Diehl.

Rev. C. J. Cooper was appointed to report the proceedings of the Convention for the daily papers.

The Report of the Committee for Foreign Missions was called for, and pending the reading of it, the time of adjournment arrived. The session was closed with prayer by Prof. J. A. Bauman.

Annual Report of the Committee for Foreign Missions.

JULY, 1883, TO JUNE, 1884.

At the close of another year in the history of our Mission, we have to record the mercies and the chastenings of the Lord. The fruit of the seed sewn throughout the past year is being gathered in. In all parts of the field occupied by our Mission there are many enquirers, and the number admitted to baptism increases in each year. The number of villages at which services are held and schools established grows constantly, and the central schools have been greatly enlarged. The churches at home have been encouraged and the missionary zeal aroused by the visit to this country and labors here, of missionary Schmidt and his wife. The anticipations of the missionaries in India have been partially realized in the sending out of one other missionary. Throughout the official year the missionaries in the field have been diligently engaged in prosecuting their work. Rev. Mr. Poulsen has had charge of Samulcotta and the adjacent district; Mr. Artman has had charge of the schools at Rajahmundry, and in the absence of Mr. Schmidt, of the congregation there and at Dowlaishwaram, and Rev. Mr. Dietrich has been associated with him in this work as well as in caring for the Tallapudi district. All of the missionaries have been associated in the oversight of the general field of the mission. The native pastors, Joseph and Paulus, have continued to labor with diligence and fidelity in their districts, and the work has been greatly prospered, especially in the Velpur district. In view of the sending out of Mr. MacCready, the Committee had made arrangements that he should be settled at Tallapudi and have charge of that district, where a mission house was to be erected. They also directed that ground should be secured for a mission house at Dowlaishwaram in order that Mr. Dietrich could be located there as soon as Mr. Schmidt returned to India. Hoping that another young missionary would go out next year, when Mr. Schmidt also expects to return, the plan of the Committee contemplated the occupation, by next summer, of two new centres by Resident Missionaries, leaving Mr. Artman, with an assistant, in charge of the Central Mission Schools. "Man proposes but God disposes." On the 19th of September a cablegram was received containing but three words:

"Artman died eighteenth." We know even until now no more than these words conveyed. Few words, but to us very sad ones. The schools of the Mission at Rajahmundry have been under the oversight of Mr Artman since April, 1881. He showed a special adaptedness for the enlargement and administration of the schools. Our plans contemplated his permanent charge of them as his life work. It is a sore trial to us that he should be called away when his labors seem to us of so great importance and usefulness. But it is the Lord's work, and the call to it comes from Him. Shall he not also call away from it when it seemeth him good?

In view of the removal of Mr. Artman, the Committee have devolved the charge of the schools and congregation at Rajahmundry upon Mr. Dietrich, and directed Mr. MacCready, on his arrival, to become for the present the associate and assistant to Mr. Dietrich in the schools and congregation. The settlement of a missionary at both Tallapudi and Dowlaishwaram is delayed, but services will be continued at both places as during the past year. Mr. Poulsen will continue in charge at Samulcotta, as it would be disastrous to discontinue the labor there, and he and Mr. Dietrich will jointly have oversight of the general field of the Mission.

Rev. Mr. Poulsen, of the Mission Institute at Kropp, Schleswig, has encouraged us to hope that a worthy laborer for our mission might be furnished by that school. The Committee have applied to him to know whether there was at present one ready to enter on the work whom he could fully recommend, and that in that case such person be called to go out as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made. If another missionary be thus secured, he can aid in the instruction in the schools while learning the Telugu language.

VISIT OF MISSIONARY SCHMIDT.

On the 24th of May, Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt arrived at New York to spend the summer in a visit to our Congregations. On the day after his arrival he began his labors in a Danish Church in Brooklyn, and since then he has been constantly engaged, not only on each Sunday twice or thrice, in making addresses to Congregations and Sunday Schools, and at Missionary Festivals, but often on week days, having addressed various assemblages in June nineteen times, July fifteen times, August eighteen times, and in September many times. The first three months were spent in the Eastern portions of the Church; since then he has visited Congregations in Western States. That he has been able to endure so much labor is evidence

that his strength has greatly increased since his return home, but it has also made his continuance in Northern climes over another winter a necessity. He must have rest and renewal of strength before returning to India. The Committee would gladly have desired him to return to India when the death of Mr. Artman became known, but it would have been very unwise for him to have gone out at once after a Summer of such exhaustive labor, before he had time and rest to renew his strength. He proposes to return to India as early next Summer as the season there will allow.

DEATH OF REV. H. G. B. ARTMAN.

A deep and general feeling of regret has been felt throughout the Church at the announcement of the death of our beloved Missionary Artman. He had entered on his work with such fervent zeal and devotion, and displayed such excellent qualities of energy and administrative ability as had already made him extremely useful and gave large promise of great things for the future; our hopes and our plans are sadly disarranged by his sudden removal. But we bow in submission to the Head of the Church, from whom the recall has come. The work is His and He can raise up and endow laborers by whom it will be wrought.

Horace Greeley Backenstoss Artman, the son of Jonas Artman, a merchant of Philadelphia, was born September 23, 1857, at Zionsville, Upper Milford township, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, in which neighborhood his ancestors settled in the time of the Palatine immigration in the earlier half of the last century. When a child, his parents removed to Philadelphia, where he attended the High School, completing its course of studies. He was confirmed at St. Mark's Church by Rev. J. A. Kunkleman, and devoted himself to the preparation for the work of the ministry with a settled purpose to labor among the heathen. His personal spiritual life was very earnest, and his consecration to Christ and his work sincere and controlling. He not only longed to win souls from among the heathen for Jesus, but to win laborers from among his companions. He pursued his theological studies at the Seminary in Philadelphia, where he was graduated in Whitsun-week, 1880. He was called by your Committee to labor in our Mission in India, and was ordained by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania at Lancaster, May 26, 1880. At a meeting held in St. Mark's Church in June he received his commission as our missionary and was sent out to the work. He was married June 8th to Miss Lizzie M. Vaux, also a member of St.

Mark's Church, and they sailed July 7th for India. In April, 1881, on the removal of Mr. Carlson to Samulcotta, Mr. Artman was placed in charge of the schools at Rajahmundry and has continued to superintend them until his death. He has greatly enlarged the arrangements and provision furnished in the mission schools, having added several new departments, and greatly enlarged the number of scholars and teachers. With untiring zeal he has devoted himself to the work. His health has throughout his stay in India been unusually good and he has been able to accomplish much work. In 1882 he accompanied Mr. Schmidt to the Bastar country in order to settle the Brecklum missionaries there, and contracted a fever which greatly exhausted his strength, but with this exception his health has been good. During the hot season of this summer he spent a few weeks on the sea coast at Bimlipatam, but it was on account of Mrs. Artman's health. He returned June 14th to his work well and cheerful. Even to the latest advises by mail there was no intimation of illness. The telegraphic notice of his death came utterly unexpected. The Committee have allowed Mrs. Artman his full salary to the close of this year, and have expressed the hope that she will continue her useful work in the schools and zenanas, at least until the return of Mrs. Schmidt.

SENDING OUT OF ANOTHER MISSIONARY.

Three years ago Mr. Frederick James MacCready, a native of Rajahmundry, of Scotch descent, came to America for the purpose of studying theology, with the intention of entering into the work of our Mission. He has pursued the full course of study at the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. The Committee extended to him a call to enter into the service of the Lord in our Mission, which he accepted, and was ordained by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, at Reading, June 10, 1884. After spending some weeks in visiting the churches and presenting the claims of the mission cause, he made a visit to his relatives in Scotland. He was set apart and commissioned for the work of our Mission at a service held in the Church of the Transfiguration, Pottstown, by the officers of the Committee, after addresses by Revs. H. C. Schmidt and F. Wischan. He sailed from New York August 9th, and from Liverpool September 10th, by the steamer California of the Anchor Line for Bombay. By the middle of October he expects to reach Rajahmundry. A letter has been received from him at Gibraltar, dated September 16th, when he was well and looking forward with

pleasure to his arrival at his home. Being a native of India, he is familiar with the Telugu language and will be ready at once to enter on his labors.

STATISTICS.

Missionaries in the field during the year			3
" wives " " " "			2
" at home on sick leave			1
" sent out to India			1
Native Ordained Pastors			2
Unordained Evangelists and Catechists			3
Teachers, Rajahmundry, Male, 14; Female, 6		20	
" Other Stations		40	
			60
Scholars, Rajahmundry Mission Schools—			
Primary and Secondary		100	
High School and Mohammedan Boys' School		200	
Normal School		31	
Christian Girls' School		28	
Caste Girls' School		60	
			419
Scholars in District Schools—			
Rajahmundry	Schools 4,	Scholars 50	
Tallapudi	" 7,	" 70	
Samulcotta	" 10,	" 112	
Velpur	" 13,	" 177	
Jagurupad	" 6,	" 70	
	40		379
Boys in Boarding House			58
Girls in " "			28
Married Boarders			9
Baptized in 1880			124
" 1881			170
" 1882			262
" 1883			356
Baptized, Rajahmundry District, 1884, 6 months			18
" Tallapudi " " "			12
" Samulcotta " " "			
" Velpur " " "			172
" Jagurupad " " "			
Confirmed			6
Communicants, Rajahmundry District			93
" Samulcotta "			28
" Velpur "			160
" Jagurupad "			111
" Tallapudi "			87
			479
Baptized Christians, Rajahmundry District			170
" " Tallapudi "			163
" " Samulcotta "			105
" " Velpur "			500
" " Jagurupad "			218
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Minutes of the Conference of Missionaries and Mission Agents belonging to the General Council's American Evangelical Lutheran Missions, in the Godavery Districts, Madras Presidency, India.

According to a resolution passed at the last Annual Meeting of this Conference, the members assembled together in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rajahmundry, on the morning of Thursday, January 3d, 1884, at 8 o'clock, to partake of the Lord's Supper and to hear the Synodical Sermon, delivered by the President, Rev. I. K. Poulsen, as a formal opening of the sessions of Conference. The Secretary, Rev. Artman, attended to the liturgical part of the service, according to the forms prescribed in the new Tel. Church Book service. Thirty-one (31) persons partook of the communion, which was administered by the President and Secretary.

As soon as these services were ended the first session of the Conference was convened. When the roll was called only 26 out of 40 members answered to their names. On account of this small attendance the reading of the Minutes was postponed for a while.

The President had prepared no written report, but made a few verbal statements concerning the general prosperity and success of our work during the past year, by the blessing of the Lord, and particularly about the progress of his own work in the Samulcotta District. Through the help of the Holy Spirit, he was enabled to baptize one hundred (100) persons. He explained the peculiar difficulties he meets with on account of the Canadian Strict Baptists, who follow upon his heels at every step, and do their utmost to bring all his efforts to naught and to circumvent him wherever possible. Another reason why his work is particularly difficult is, because the field is quite a new one and has not yet been cultivated. The women especially are shy and timid and very few can muster courage to come out before the congregation and confess Christ with their husbands, even though they may believe. Thus far he has only baptized five women.

The Minutes were now read in Telugu, and approved.

The Reports of Secretary and Treasurer, Native Pastors, Inspectors of Schools, Superintendent of Schools, and of the Pastor in charge of Rajahmundry and Tallapudi Districts were read and accepted.

The Conference resolved to re-elect the same officers who served last year, viz :

President—Rev. I. K. Poulsen.

Vice President—Rev. F. S. Dietrich.

English Secretary and Treasurer—Rev. H. G. B. Artman.

Telugu Secretary—J. Wm. Henry.

The following new members were then received: Village teachers, A. Luke, K. Isaiah, B. Venkayyah, B. Isaac, Ch. Anandem and K. Moses; also N. Charles, Wm. Paulus, headmaster of Samulcotta school; also, S. Joseph, G. Samuel and M. Joseph, helpers or traveling evangelists; also, M. Venkataswamy, catechist; M. Isaiah, colporteur, employed by the Madras Auxiliary Bible Society; altogether, 12.

A number of members of the Senior A Class of the Normal department having passed satisfactory examinations, were recommended by Rev. Artman for membership, but as they had first to appear before the Examining Committee of Conference for acceptance, their reception was left to the option of the Ministerial Committee.

P. James and K. Daniel also applied for membership, but their cases were referred to the same Committee.

The following petitions, letters, etc., were then received for the consideration and disposal of Conference, viz:

1. From N. Isaac of Perawaram, who had been temporarily employed as teacher in the Jagurupad District, claiming that all his pay had not been given him.

2. From P. James, concerning employment.

3. From the enquirers after Christianity, who are anxious for baptism in Gudimulu. Begging one of us Missionaries to visit their village and attend to their spiritual wants.

4. A similar petition from the Malas of Shenkaraguptam and Ardavi Pallem.

5. A petition concerning the slow progress being made in the Jagurupad District.

6. From K. Michael, teacher in the Velpur District, asking for more pay and removal from his present village to another one.

7. From M. Venkataswamy, concerning the relations between the Caucasian missionaries of our Mission and those of the Society of Plymouth Brethren stationed at Nursapur.

8. From J. John Henry, concerning the grading of the salaries of female mission agents.

9. Concerning the appointment of speakers and subjects for the next meeting of Conference; and the preparation of a Constitution and By-Laws for the proper regulation of future meetings of Conference, presented by Rev. Artman.

10. From B. John, teacher at Peddahem for increase of pay and concerning the checking and punishment of slanders.

11. A long petition from the teachers of the Tallapudi District, presented by L. Jeremiah, about various improvements in the working arrangements of our Mission, the caste question, etc., and asking for the supply of necessary chairs, tables, etc., to the Village Schools.

12. From the teachers of the Velpur District asking for necessary school furniture, etc.

13. A second petition from M. Venkataswamy concerning the eating of carcasses.

14. A communication from Rev. Paulus concerning School Supplies, the Baptism of Families in which a man is the husband of two wives, the election of lay delegates as Members of Conference, etc.

15. A petition from C. Jacob against the action of the Committee of Caucasian Missionaries concerning the suit between himself and L. Jeremiah.

The following Committees were then appointed, viz:—

1. *Committee on Treasurer's Report*—Rev. F. S. Dietrich, Chairman, Rev. N. Paulus, K. Prakasem, D. Peter, N. Isaac.

2. *Committee on Last Year's Minutes*—S. Lakshmiah, Chairman, M. Alfred, B. John, P. V. Ratnam, P. Gnava Prakasem.

3. *Committee on Absentees*—J. John Henry, Chairman, M. Venkataswamy, R. David, N. Stephen, G. Paradasy.

4. *Committee to prepare appropriate resolutions concerning the death of two of our teachers*—Rev. Artman, Chairman, N. Paulus and E. Johannu.

On motion, it was agreed that Rev. I. K. Poulsen, our President, be asked to deliver a Telugu address on the Sacrament of Baptism this evening; and that the Rev. N. Paulus be asked to repeat his sermon on Luther, delivered on the 400th Anniversary of Luther's Birthday, at Rajahmundry, on Friday evening, at 7 o'clock. The gentlemen kindly agreed to do as requested.

After deciding that the Morning Sessions of Conference should be held from 8 to 11 o'clock and the Afternoon Sessions from 3 to 6 o'clock, adjourned.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, JAN. 3, 1884, 3 P. M.

Rev. N. Paulus offered prayer.

Pending the Report of the Committee on Last Year's Minutes, it was determined to go on with the new business brought before the Conference this morning, point by point.

Rev. N. Paulus' communication was first read and action taken as follows;

First point referred to the appointment of lay delegates. It was agreed to, and two delegates present were elected or received as members, viz;

B. Jacob, from Velpur.
R. Joseph, from Issakodairu.

Second point, was about the propriety of baptizing the families of men who had more than one wife. A long discussion ensued in which many interesting opinions and ideas were expressed by the President and several others who took part in the discussion, but no final decision could be arrived at, so it was agreed, on motion, that during this year, every missionary be allowed to do as heretofore concerning this point, and that in the meantime the Ministerial Committee take the subject into their earnest and prayerful consideration, and present their conclusions to the Conference at its next annual meeting.

Third point, allowing the Government School Inspectors to examine our village schools. This was not agreed to,because neither our teachers or schools are of a sufficiently high standard to warrant it, nor would it be of any real benefit. The interference of government is apt to hamper and interfere with the peculiar work which belongs to Mission Schools and especially to those consisting in the main of Christian children. A discussion now arose as to whether a School Inspector should be appointed this year or not in place of C. James, who resigned some months ago. A few only were in favor of the appointment; of course the majority of the teachers, and even the native pastors, did not prefer to have any one to come and observe their doings. They thought themselves quite able to attend to their own affairs without inspection. It was finally resolved that this question was not one to be decided by the teachers themselves, and was therefore referred to the Ministerial Committee.

The next petition taken up was that of C. Jacob against the action of the Caucasian Missionaries, concerning his suit against L. Jeremiah in the District Munsiffs Court. His objection seemed to arise from a misunderstanding of the wording of the action, as communicated to him. The President therefore called on the English Secretary, who is at the same time the pastor of the petitioner, to explain and put right his mistaken views. The Conference did not uphold the petition.

The petition of P. James, referred to the Ministerial Committee.

The two petitions, from villages where there are persons anxious to enter the fold of Christ, were next read, and it was very touching to hear those Macedonian cries. Conference agreed that Revs. Artman and Paulus should attend to the wants of these people as soon as possible.

Adjourned at 5.45 P. M.

EVENING SESSION—7 O'CLOCK.

According to this morning's resolution, Conference assembled again to hear the President's discourse on the Sacrament of Baptism. His remarks were very practical and instructive to all present. He had especial reference to the difficulties that are coming upon our mission through the proselyting efforts that are being made by the Baptists and Plymouth Brethren, and gave a few excellent hints to the teachers, in regard to how they can best withstand their attacks and protect their village congregations against their influence. He also referred to the fact that he had almost finished a free translation of Dr. Greenwald's little book on baptism, which he hoped would appear in print this year. Several members present asked questions and the meeting assumed the form of a friendly conversation, after the speaker had finished. Adjourned after 8 o'clock.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 1884.

This morning the photographer who has been taking a number of photos for the Mission, announced his readiness to take the photograph of the Conference, so the morning session was dispensed with and all the members were assembled in Riverdale Compound, where the old court house wall, covered with beautiful creeping plants, made a splendid background for an out-door picture. An excellent photo was obtained without any trouble.

This also happened to be the opening day of the first annual Horticultural show at Rajahmundry, so Rev. Artman invited all the members to attend the show in a body at his own expense. As soon as the photo was taken, therefore, the members and some other friends formed into line, two by two, altogether forty-eight men, and marched over to the public museum building and park, where the show was being held, and defiled in an orderly way slowly through the whole exhibition, with its beautiful variety of

cut flowers, pot plants, ferns, foliage plants, and native and English vegetables. All were highly delighted with what they saw, and the people of Rajahmundry had one opportunity at least to be impressed with the fact that the General Council's Mission in India is not dead or sleeping. The double line of Mission agents certainly did make a good appearance.

The Third Session was called to order in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. T. Joseph. The President in the chair. The attendance was much better, some of the absentees having made their appearance. Thirty-one answered to their names.

The minutes of the two previous sessions were read in Telugu.

A member whose dignity had been touched this morning because he had not been offered a chair while the photograph was being taken, tried to enter a complaint, but the President refused to receive it and expressed himself as being much pained to see such an evidence of pride on the part of a Servant of Christ.

Several of the teachers of the Velpur District handed in a letter at this juncture, demurring against a remark made in the report of the *pro tem.* Inspector of Schools, who accused them of certain irregularities in their reports and work. It was laid on the table.

The Committee on Minutes of Last Year's Conference, handed in their report through the Chairman, S. Laksmiah. They found the only unfinished business to be the subject of the erection of a Christian Chubbram (Inn), which was commenced, but is now at a standstill for want of funds. The brethren were urged to make greater exertions this year to raise the balance of the money necessary. Adopted.

The Committee on Absentees, J. John, Chairman, presented its report, referring with deep regret to the death of two of the members, and presenting the excuses of most of the other absentees. They recommended that more attention should be paid to the reception of excuses from absentees. On motion, adopted.

The Chairman of the Committee on Treasurer's Report, Rev. F. S. Dietrich, presented the following report:—

"As this money is given as an offering to the Lord, and shows an expression of Charity, the Committee concluded that it could not be better applied than toward the spreading of the Gospel. We therefore propose that all the monies resulting from this collection, be contributed toward the salary of an Evangelist (whose duty it shall be to preach and spread the Gospel). This would awaken a Mission spirit among our Christians, and points toward a self sup-

port of the Mission work." The report was adopted by Conference after being amended as follows: The funds shall be applied to three objects instead of only one as suggested by the Committee, viz:

1st. Toward the salary of an Evangelist.
2d. Toward the support of widows of deceased teachers.
3d. To help poor Christians.

The Committee on Resolutions concerning the death of two of our most faithful teachers, R. Prakasem and P. David, presented their report in Telugu. It contained expressions of great sorrow at the loss the Mission has sustained by their removal from our midst, and deep sympathy for their afflicted families. On motion, adopted.

At this stage in the proceedings, a discussion was commenced again, about the appointment of a School Inspector, and an attempt was made to accuse those in charge of the Boarding Establishment at Rajahmundry, of various irregularities, such as giving the children improper work to do, not paying enough attention to their education, etc., etc. The President kindly allowed Rev. Artman to throw the proper light on these points, and it did not take long for every one to see the true state of the case.

At this juncture, some personal remarks were thoughtlessly made by some of the members, which caused quite a stir, and considerable confusion and excitement unfortunately resulted, which it was almost beyond the power of the President to repress. Several of the members had to be reprimanded and afterward asked the Conference to pardon their hasty conduct.

When quietness had again been restored, and the Conference saw the sad mistake it had made, a unanimous vote of regret was passed for the great excitement which they had allowed to come over them. Adjourned at 6 P. M.

The Vice-President, Rev. F. S. Dietrich, invited the Conference immediately after adjournment, to partake of coffee and fruit at his home, next to the Church. It was a very enjoyable repast and all felt very thankful to the kind host, the only cause of regret being that there was no hostess present to make the occasion doubly enjoyable.

EVENING SESSION.—7:30 O'CLOCK.

Conference assembled again in the Church and listened attentively to Rev. N. Paulus' discourse on the "Life of Luther," in Telugu, which he had delivered once before on the 400th anniversary of the great Reformer's birth. It was very well prepared, and given with

much spirit. It no doubt did much to give some of the younger teachers a far better knowledge of this great man, than they ever had before. Adjourned at about 8:30.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, JAN. 5th, 1884.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8:00 A. M. Prayer by M. Venkataswamy. The attendance was larger than at any previous session. Forty members answered to their names, including most of those newly elected.

The Minutes were read, and after a few alterations, were approved.

The following petitions were referred to the Ministerial Committee, viz:—

In reference to School Furniture and Supplies.

In reference to an improved method of grading Mission Agents and increased salaries, and K. Michael's petition.

The subject of caste, particularly among Christians, and the peculiar difficulties the caste feeling throws in the way of converting all classes, was now broached, and led to a somewhat extended and animated discussion, joined in by many of the members as well as the officers. Every one present, of course, greatly deprecated this great evil, and especially were all unanimous in setting themselves most decidedly against the least shadow of such a feeling among the Christians themselves. The discussion also brought to light another important fact, viz: that in consequence of the almost unconquerable difficulties which caste gives rise to, it is incumbent upon every pastor in particular, and every other Mission agent in general, to remember the injunction given to the disciples, "to be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves," in regard to this point, so as not to give offense to any, whether of high or low caste. God grant that all may be guided aright to know how to act in all such difficult situations.

The subject of systematic beneficence was now brought to the attention of the Conference, and much satisfaction was felt with the commencement that has been made, and yet there seemed to be a feeling that more could be done. After several motions had been made and lost concerning an increase of subscription, it was finally unanimously agreed that one pie more per rupee, in addition to the three pice voted for at last meeting and contributed during last year, should be given during 1884, thus making four pice per rupee, to

be contributed by all who draw salaries from the Mission Treasury.

The subject of the formation of a Constitution and By-Laws for the better management of business hereafter, and also a proposition to change the name of this body from Conference to Synod, and to put it, as far as possible, upon the same basis as other Synods of the General Council, was next advanced. Rev. Artman had prepared a draught of a Constitution and By-Laws as a basis for action, which was read at the request of Conference, but no action was taken, because it was considered to be the work of the Ministerial Committee to attend to the formation of such rules, and to lay them before Conference.

The President asked all candidates for membership in Conference and for employment, to appear before the Committee on Monday morning, January 7th.

On motion, it was agreed that Conference meet again at this place on Monday, January 5th, 1885.

Adjourned at 11:30.

REV. HORACE G. B. ARTMAN,
English Secretary.

Minutes of the Ministerial Committee of the General Council's American Evangelical Lutheran Mission, in the Godavery District, Madras Presidency, India.

MONDAY MORNING, January 7th, 1884.

All the members were present, viz: Revs. I. K. Poulsen, H. G. B. Artman, F. S. Dietrich, N. Paulus and T. Joseph. The President occupied the chair. After uniting in the Lord's Prayer, the business was commenced.

Minutes read and approved.

K. Michael's petition, asking to be removed to another village, and an increase of pay, was read. After an explanation of his youth and undeveloped character, and his desire to wander about from place to place, etc., by the Rev. Paulus, in whose district he is now employed, it was agreed that he should be transferred to the Samulcotta District, to be better trained by Rev. Poulsen.

L. Jeremiah's petition from the Tallapudi District was next read. It contained sixteen short propositions on various topics, principally about improved systems of working, increase of salaries, etc.

It was agreed that the time had not yet come to carry out the propositions made in this paper. One point, however, concerning school furniture, about which the teachers of the Velpur District had

also given a petition, was taken under consideration. The teachers asked for a table and chair and other necessary furniture. But this would entail a great outlay, which we could not see our way clear to meet, so it was determined that a box and a small bench be given to be used in the schools of the principal out stations, the cost not to exceed R. 2 for each box, and R. 1 for each bench. The apportionment was as follows:—

For the Velpur District,	7	of each.
" Samulcotta District,	3	"
" Tallapudi District,	3	"
" Rajahmundry Dist.	3	"
" Jagurupad District,	3	"

On motion, it was agreed that the District beyond the line drawn through Polavaram and Guddugudiem on the left bank of the Godavery, and beyond the line drawn through Purushottapatnam and Gokaram on the right bank of the river, be considered as Manyam, or fever tract, and that teachers who are stationed there shall be entitled to increased salaries. Also,

Resolved, That those village teachers who have labored blamelessly and continuously for a period of at least eight (8) years in our Mission, shall be entitled to an increase of R. 1 in their salaries.

Resolved, That hereafter all important occurrences which transpire in the village must be recorded in the Congregational Record books, which have been supplied to all the teachers.

Resolved, That the President be asked to examine all the village record books, and prepare a history of the Mission, with full statistical tables to be sent to the Committee in America.

Agreed, that if any cases of dispute occur among the Christians in the out-stations, the pastors in charge will do their utmost to settle the difficulty quietly in the congregation, but if not successful, the case is to be brought before the Ministerial Committee.

The members of the Senior A Class, Normal School, who had gained the highest marks in the Annual Examination, viz: N. Timothy, B. Prakasem, K. Joseph, P. Moses and A. Samuel, were then called before the Committee. They were all found worthy to be employed as teachers, and were also elected members of Conference.

The apportionment was made as follows:—

N. Timothy to go to the Tallapudi District.

B. Prakasem to go to the Samulcotta District.

K. Joseph to go to the Jagurupad District.

A. Samuel and P. Moser to go to the Velpur District.

The Committee also agreed to employ G. Samuel of Tadairu, and M. Joseph of Augartepalem, as helpers, at a salary of 2 Rupees per man.

The cases of P. James and K. Daniel, who asked for employment, were also taken into consideration. It was on motion agreed, that they be allowed to work in Manyam, or fever regions, in healthy months of the year, for which they will be paid from Mission Funds; but the rest of the year, if they find it impossible to work there, they must attend to their own works without mission pay.

The petition of B. Isaac of Peravaram, was referred to Rev. Joseph.

The petitions about boarding children, were referred to Rev. Artman.

The decision of cases for increase of pay, was referred to the Committee of Caucasian Missionaries, as were also the following:— The question about the appointment of a School Inspector, and the selection of speakers and subjects for the next Conference.

It was also resolved, that a copy of all English minutes of last year and this year, both of the General Conference and Ministerial Committee, be written in a book and sent to the Missionary at Samulcotta, and Ministerial Committee Minutes in English, be written in books and be sent to the Native Pastors, and that copies of Conference Minutes in Telugu, must be circulated among all the teachers and congregations in the whole Mission.

On motion, adjourned at 12 M.

REV. H. G. B. ARTMAN, *Eng. Sec'y.*

Minutes of the Committee of Caucasian Missionaries of the General Council's American Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Godavery District, Madras Presidency, India.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 3 O'CLOCK, Jan. 7, 1884.

All present, viz: Revs. I. K. Poulsen, H. G. B. Artman and F. S. Dietrich.

Resolved, That the standard pay of catechists be fixed at R. 10.

B. John of Peddahem was, on motion, granted an increase of R. 1 in his pay, as he has worked in this Mission faithfully eight years.

Jeremiah's request for more pay was deferred until after his marriage.

It was decided that female agents, such as teachers or Bible women, may receive pay, ranging from three to five rupees, according to their experience, ability, etc.

On motion, it was agreed that Supervisors of Districts be allowed to appoint school inspectors if they think it necessary.

Rev. Poulsen raised the question whether it was proper to employ our best Christian teachers to instruct heathen children. Rev. Artman held that it was, and Rev. P. held the negative view. The question was laid on the table.

Agreed, that the Rev. Paulus prepare some written remarks about the propriety of eating carcasses, and that Rev. Poulsen be asked to prepare written theses or a lecture on the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. These are to be given at the next annual meeting of Conference.

On motion of Rev. Poulsen agreed that the appropriation of money which was promised to Rev. Carlson not having been used, be now given to Bro. Poulsen, to be applied to the enlargement and improvement of the bungalow at Samulcotta.

Agreed, that we recommend the Home Committee at once to grant permission to build a necessary house for church and school purposes, such as he sent an estimate for last year to cost at least R. 300.

Agreed, that it has become necessary on account of distance, etc., to have a boarding school for boys and girls at Samulcotta under the care of Rev. and Mrs. Poulsen, in conjunction with the Rajahmundry schools.

Moved and carried that hereafter proper communion wine shall be procured in quantity from Madras.

Agreed, that a large general register of all baptisms, etc., of the General Council's American Evangelical Lutheran Mission in the Godavery District, India, be kept under the care of the President or Secretary of Conference.

Agreed, that this Committee take into consideration during the current year the formation of a Constitution and By-Laws for the better management of the meetings of Conference. This should be presented for adoption at the next annual meeting.

Agreed, that two sheets of paper per month be granted to each village teacher, for his sermon, report, letter, etc. School children to procure their own books, etc.

Agreed, that it would be a great convenience to have as many of the Home Committee's rules as are available for our guidance and for a better knowledge of our relation to them, as it would save much trouble and delay. Adjourned at 6:15 P. M.

REV. H. G. B. ARTMAN,
English Secretary.

Annual Reports.

Rajahmundry District, Revs. Artman and Dietrich.

Rajahmundry, the central point of our mission, lies on the Godavery about 30 miles from the sea, and has about 25,000 inhabitants. There are three Mission Houses at this place, the old house which stood in the Mission Compound when we took charge of the Mission, but which was repaired and made of two stories soon afterwards; the house on adjoining ground which was occupied by Mr. Poulsen, in which during the past year, the High School has been located; and Riverdale, erected by Mr. Schmidt on the bank of the river about one mile from the others. St. Paul's Church and the boarding houses are adjacent to the old Mission House, and the Caste Girl's School is at Riverdale. Connected with this center and ministered to by the resident Missionaries, are: *A*, Dowlaishwaram, with 8,000 inhabitants, on the river, five miles distant, where services are held on each Sunday, and schools have been established chiefly through the active co-operation of Mr. T. Van Stavern. The teachers located here are Ch. Anandem, P. Isaac and Ch. Lucy; *B*, Ceetanagaram, on the east bank of the river, twelve miles above Rajahmundry, where S. Joseph is in charge of the School. Besides these two places, where Mission agents reside, there are Christians, and services are regularly held at: *C*, Torredu, five miles distant, and at *D*, Gazulapadu. In giving the statistics of this District, Rajahmundry is designated by *R*, and the other places by the capital letter preceding the name of each as given above. In addition to the above places in which there are Christians, the gospel is preached regularly and there are enquirers in the following villages: Alcott's Gardens, Kataeru, Divan Tank, Korakonda, Rampa, Krushnudapalem, Rahitapuram, Purushottapatnam and Reazolu.

Statistics.—June, 1884, Communicants, R 66, A 17, B 5, C 2, D 3, total 93; Adults not communing, R 4, A 4, total 8; Children, R 50, A 14, B 4, D 1, total 69; total number of baptized Christians, R 120, A 35, B 9, C 2, D. 4, total 170. Losses, by death, R 2, A 1, C 1; by excommunication, none; by removal, R 5, B and C 1 each, Total 11. Gain in last six months, baptisms, adult heathen, R 6, A 1, heathen children, R 7, A 2, children of christian parents, R 5, B 6, D 1, readmitted, B 3, D 3; total gain January to June, 1884, R 18, A 3, B 9, D 4, total 34; increase during year, R 11, A 2, B 8, D 4, total 25; decrease, C 2. Heathen enquirers, R 20. A 20, B 4, D 3, total 47. Heathen children attending school, R 308, A 57, total 365.

Tallapudi District.

This District is situated on the west bank of the river above Rajahmundry, its center, Tallapudi being twelve miles distant. The villages at which a Mission agent, or teacher, or helper, resides and is at work are: *A*, Tallapudi, 6,000 inhabitants, teacher, N. Timothy; *B*, Peddahem, three miles from Tallapudi, 4,000, B. John; *C*, Guddugudiem, twelve miles from Tallapudi, 1,000, R. Samuel; *D*, Nandamur, twelve miles from Tallapudi, A. Luke; *E*, Kondracotah, fourteen miles, 400, K. Daniel; *F*, Tellavaram, fifteen miles, 500, P. James; *G*, Lingudu Metta, four miles, 1,000, L. Jeremiah.

The following vilages have some Christians and services, but no resident agent or teacher: *H*, Gowripelli, thirteen miles from Tallapudi, 800 inhabitants; *I*, Gowripatnam, six miles; *J*, Penakala Metta, four miles; *K*, Ravalupadu, a suburb of Peddahem; *L*, Maligapilly, five miles; *M*, Teakuru, twenty miles, the farthest village up the Godavery at which a beginning has been made. At the following places the gospel is preached and there are enquirers: Dummaram, four miles from Tallapudi, 36 enquirers; Dommeru, eleven miles, 20 enquirers; Gopalapuram, ten miles, 15 enquirers; Gutala, five miles, 3,000 inhabitants, 2 enquirers; Polavaram, ten miles, 2,000 inhabitants, 10 enquirers.

Statistics.—Communicants, A 21, B 16, C 18, D 2, E 2, F 1, G 12, H 5, I 2, J 1, K 4, L 2, M 1, total 87; adults, not communicants, A 4, B 6, C 2, D 3, J 2, total 17; children, A 12, B 17, C 11, D 4, H 2, I 5, J 5, K 2, L 1, total 59; total number of Christians 163. Losses, by death, A 3, D 1, H 1, by removal, B 2, C 2, total losses 9. Gain in last six months, by baptism, adult heathen, C 4, L 2, M 1; heathen children, C 3, J 1, L 1, from other villages, G 2, total gain 15; compared with last year, gain, C 5, E 2, F 1, G 2, J 1, L 3, M 1; losses, A 3, B 1, D 1, H 1; heathen enquirers, A 5, B 10, C 4, D 1, J 10, K 10, L 1, M 3; total enquirers in Tallapudi District, 127; heathen children attending school, 23.

Velpur District, Rev. N. Paulus.

This District lies toward the sea from Rajahmundry, and is on the West side of the river. The journal of the native pastor in charge, shows an increasing interest in Christianity on the part of the Hindus, and large accessions to the congregations. At the beginning of 1884, there were 25 villages in which there were Christians, and five others in which there were enquirers. There are 13 teachers and 3 helpers engaged in the District. The following statistics will show the extent and growth of the work:—

Baptisms by Rev. Paulus, 1882, 160; 1883, 272; 1884, 6 mo., 172.

Communicants, ...	1882, 100.	1883, 160
Villages in which are Christians,	" 20.	" 25
" " " Enquirers,	" 6.	" 5
" visited, January to June, 1884, ...		70
Marriages, ...	1882, 2.	1883, 9
Schools, ...	" 7.	" 13
Scholars, ...	" 130.	" 177

The following are the principal villages in this District, in which there are Christians: Velpur, 32 communicants; Vissakoderu, 17 communicants; Garlamudi, 23 communicants; Peddamiram, 18 communicants; Augartipalem, 10 communicants; Palcole, 8 communicants; Mallaiswaram, 14 communicants; Seesala, 8 communicants, 22 Christians: Mahadevapatnam, 9 communicants; Komadavelli, – communicants; Bobbarayapalem, 10; Mukkamala, 4; Illur, 4; Korrapadu, 12; Ladare, 2; Anakodairu, 19; Juggernathpuram, 10; Mallapudi, 6; Konetavadda, 5; Vandra, 5.

In his report the pastor says: "On the whole, I think the harvest has set in, but the laborers are very few. I hope that the Master of the harvest will supply a good number of faithful and hardworking laborers. The Gospel is being preached every where, and the people are becoming friends of Christianity. They are afraid to become Christians on account of caste prejudice, and because they fear they will have to undergo a series of troubles. Although many of them do not like to become Christians, still they know that it is the true religion. Others hesitate because they will be forsaken by their friends."

Jagurupad District, Rev. T Joseph.

This District lies on the East side of the river below Rajahmundry, and nearer it than Velpur. The pastor in his report of June, 1884, says: Our Lord Jesus Christ says, John 16, "That true Christians must suffer as long as they are in this world," but the same Lord who says "Fear not, etc.," gives strength and courage to stand against all trials. The Canadian Baptists at Cocanada, are my nearest opposers. I have had several troubles through them. I believe they forget to serve the Lord in the beauty of holiness. I see and feel that constant and unreasonable troubles arise from the Baptists among the native Christians, especially in my district. Unless we have some sort of rules and agreement between our Mission and the Baptist Mission in managing the Mission work, I think I cannot do my work peaceably.

We are not astonished when troubles arise from the action of the heathen. I commenced work a short time ago at Adithy, a place about five miles from here. The Sudras were not pleased at the approach of Christianity. A Mala woman, whose husband knew nothing about the truth, heard and heeded the Gospel, and embraced Christianity, and at last her husband and children became Christains. Her caste village people hated her very much; she dared not even take good water from the tank which is in a public place, because of the opposition of the caste people, thus Christians suffer persecution from the caste people on account of their faith in the Saviour. My work goes on slowly on account of the Baptists. I have very few laborers employed in the work in my District. The Word of God is accepted in these days only by low caste people; as soon as many high caste people embrace Christianity, the work of God may be done freely. Caste is a great hindrance in this country to the acccptance of the truth. I believe that the Lord will break down caste by his mighty hand, and will draw many Hindoos who sit in the shadow of death, to his Son, Jesus Christ, and save their immortal souls from eternal destruction, and will give a ready mind to his children to help by all means to spread the glory and kingdom of God everywhere."

There are six villages in this District in which teachers are settled and schools established. There are Christians in the following villages: *A*, Jagurupad, *B*, Muramunda, *C*, Polavaram, *D*, Peravaram, *E*, Haimageri, *F*, Castavaram, *G*, Adithy, *H*, Savaram, *I*, Nuvvapet, *J*, Aduraiswaram, *K*, Ratti, *L*, Lollah, *M*, Antripuram, *N*, Rajulu, *O*, Ramachendrapuram, *P*, Biekole.

Statistics.—Christians, adult males, A 23, B 6, C 3, D 4, E 3, G 1, H 1, I 3, J 15, O 1, P 1, total 61; adult females, A 26, B 21, C 4, D 7, E 3, G 1, H 1, I 2, J 1, N 1, P 1, total 68; children, A 33, B 20, C 3, D 10, E 3, G 2, H 2, I 5, L 3, N 3, O 3, P 2, total 89; communicants, A 49, B 27, C 7, D 11, E 6, G 2, H 2, I 3, N 1, O 1, P 2, total 111; enquirers, A 15, B 2, C 1, D 2, F 3, I 1, J 1, K 2, L 2, M 2, P 4, total 34; schools and scholars, A 16, B 12, C 12, D 16 E 12, F 2, total 70.

Samulcotta District, Rev. I. K. Poulson.

The work in this District has been energetically prosecuted and with marked success. The mission house near Samulcotta has been repaired and a boarding school has been opened. It is not the intention of the Missionary or of the Committee that extensive schools should be provided at any other point than at Rajamundry,

but on account of the unwillingness of parents to send their children from home, some provision must be made at Samulcotta for primary schools for the district. The report of the Missionary for the year 1883 is given below. No report for the first half of 1884 has been received.

Statistics.—Baptized, 1882, 12; 1883, 84; Christians 105, schools 9, scholars 112. The villages occupied are: Mission Compound, teacher, N. Charley, 17 scholars, Christians 12; Peddapur, 11 Christians, 10 scholars, Amelia teacher; Kota Malupaller, 20 Christians, 7 scholars, D. Peter; Rajahgopalem, 20 Christians, 17 scholars, K. Esayah; Ragampet, 13 Christians, 16 scholars, K. Michael; Gorinta, 11 Christians, 6 scholars, B. John; Palimeru, 12 scholars; Chedalada, 4 Christians; Veravaram, 14 scholars, K. Moses; Kattamur, 9 Christians, 10 scholars, B. Prakasem; Juggampet, 5 Christians, 3 scholars, R. David.

The financial accounts of the District show in June, 1884, an additional teacher, T. Samuel. There is also a catechist, S. Laksmiah, who assists the Missionary.

INCIDENTS AND ANNALS OF MISSION WORK.

From Rev. Artman's Journal.

Jan. 1, 1884. Morning service at 8 A. M., sermon by Rev. N. Paulus. Mission High School opened with a staff of 7 teachers, a clerk and a messenger, in Mission House No. 2. 50 names enrolled, of whom 10 were Christians, the rest Brahmins.

Jan. 3. Mission Conference held, three sessions, 3d to 5th Jan., and afterwards meeting of Ministerial and Caucasian Committees.

Jan. 6. Morning service. Sermon by Rev. T. Joseph. Officers of St. Paul's Church were installed, Elders J. Henry, V. Moses; Deacons, J. William, P. V. Ratnam; Trustees, J. John, J. Barnabas.

Jan. 7. Reopening of Normal School and of the new Christian Girls' School. Teachers in former, J. John, N. Sreeramulu, N. Isaac; and in latter, J. Jemima, G. Anamah, T. Elenora.

Jan. 8. Reopening of Caste Girls' School, teachers P. V. Ratnam, master; M. Suria Narayana, assistant.

Jan. 9. The three missionaries, with Mrs. Poulsen and Artman, four children, four servants, five boatmen, and thirteen mission agents, went in the Dove of Peace about thirty miles up the river to Polavaram and Purushotapatnam, returning on the 12th.

Jan. 10. The Mohammedan Boys' School opened with three teachers and thirty pupils, and the prospect of twenty more.

Jan. 14. The Poulsens left for Samulcotta.

Jan. 19. Death and burial of the Mohammedan Sherif (Doctor), who has been a valued friend and medical adviser of our missionaries and Christians without accepting any compensation.

Jan. 22. Started out into the District in the Dove of Peace. Reached Tallapudi at 7 P. M., and sailed a little farther up the river on the opposite side to Sringaram, where two families wished to join the congregation.

Jan. 23. Held services at S., baptizing six and confirming three persons who had been baptized in infancy by Revs. Grœnning and Unangst, and administered the communion. Rode to Guddigudiem, 10 miles inland.

Jan. 24. Service at G., baptizing eight, and giving the communion to eleven persons. Visited six villages within a distance of four miles. In two of these villages were Kois, who show an unusual interest in the Gospel. Returned to Tallapudi by cart.

Jan. 25. Held service at Peddahem, baptized one child and gave communion to fifteen persons. Baptized eight persons at Penakalametta, one and one-half miles from P. In the evening baptized one man and gave communion to sixteen persons at Tallapudi. On the next day returned home.

Feb. 4. Rev. S. W. Organe, Secretary of the Madras Bible Society, visited Rajahmundry to awaken an interest and secure subscriptions for the Society. In the evening a meeting was held in St. Paul's, at which Judge Kelsall presided. There was a large attendance.

Feb. 7. Heathen festival at Dowlaishwaram, where Rev. A. spent a few days, ministering to Christians of St. Mark's Chapel and preaching to the heathen.

Feb. 27. Evening service unattended through fear of the smallpox, which begins to prevail in some parts of the town.

March 3. Revs. Artman and Dietrich started out into the Velpur district.

March 5. Wedding at Palcole, where S. Jeremiah and J. Rachel were married by Rev. Artman, after the bride had been baptized by Rev. Paulus.

March 6. Crossed the Godavery and walked five miles to Ardavipalem, where sixteen persons were baptized. When we returned to the boat we found several enquirers from Rameswaram, who wished us to visit their village and baptize them and their families; we promised to send Rev. Paulus very soon.

March 7. After laying in stores at Nursapur we returned to Palcole, and at the evening service baptized five persons.

March 8–9. Visited Juggernathpuram, Pennagonda, Vuddalee and Mallaiswaram, and returned to the boat in order to go home.

March 11. The School Director, Mr. Grigg, began the official inspection of our schools.

April 1. Went with family to Dowlaishwaram to spend a few days laboring there.

April 3. Revs. Artman and Dietrich went to the Taliapudi District, and on up the river to Kondamudalu, at the opening of the great Godavery gorge, the residence of Singa Reddy Garu, an old friend of our missionaries. In the evening we went to the foot of the highest mountain of this range called Papikonda (Hill of Sin). On the 5th we climbed the hill and breakfasted with the Collector, Mr. Atkinson.

April 8. Visited Vardapilly, Kondrakota and Tellavaram, where our teachers, P. James and K. Daniel, are at work.

Sunday, April 13. Joyous Eastertide; two infants baptized and eighty-six communicants at the Lord's Supper.

April 14. Marriage of B. Prakasem and G. Anama.

April 17. Rev. A. and family started to spend a few weeks at Bimlipatam on the seashore on account of Mrs. A.'s health.

April 20. Started from Cocanada on B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamship and reached B. on the 21st.

May 19. Started by native cart to visit Revs Pohl and Bortman, Brecklum missionaries at Salur. Spent the next day with Rev. MacFarland (Lon. Miss. Soc.) at Vizianagaram, and on 21st reached Salur, giving the brethren a great surprise, and stayed with them until the 25th.

June 5–6. Visited the London Missionary Society Station at Vizagapatam.

June 9. Started again for home, reaching it on the 14th.

June 16. Reopening after the summer vacation of all the Mission schools.

Sunday, June 29. Eight persons baptized at Rajahmundry and the communion given to sixty-three persons. At Dowlaishwaram in the evening there were thirteen communicants.

PHOTOGRAPHS.

A large number of photographs have been received, including the portraits of the scholars supported by Sunday Schools and friends, of which one copy has been sent to the persons or schools supporting them, which have been very gladly received. Of the larger pictures of Mission Houses, School Houses, groups of scholars and laborers in the Mission, four have been reproduced here, and are

offered for sale at little above the cost of production, being sold at 25 cents each. The pictures of the Church and oldest Mission House, formerly published, have also been reduced to the same price, so that the six pictures can now be procured at that low price on application to Rev. C. G. Fischer, Elizabeth, N. J.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Committee have been engaged in revising the instructions with reference to the management of the affairs of the Mission work in India, and in preparing a series of Rules and Regulations for the administration of the work. In this matter they have had the advantage of the counsel and co-operation of our Missionary Schmidt, who has had many years' experience in our service.

The Missionaries have recently forwarded a Constitution for their Conference in India, which will receive careful consideration.

ENLARGEMENT OF MISSION WORK.

In every direction the work has been enlarged within the past year. The schools at Rajahmundry have been reorganized and new departments opened. There are 160 more scholars than one year ago. In the boarding houses there has been an increase of thirty-four in the number of boys supported in training to become teachers, and of girls an increase of ten. There are twelve more teachers employed and paid by the Mission. That the expenses of the Mission should increase is unavoidable, and this increase will naturally go on from year to year. We commend the growing work to the increased liberality of the churches.

MISSION SCHOOLS AT RAJAHMUNDRY.

In June, 1883, a *Normal School* for special training of teachers was opened with fifteen pupils. In January, 1884, there were three teachers in this school, J. John, V. Sreeramulu and N. Isaac. In January last, the Brahmin Boys' School was remodeled and made the *High School.* There are seven teachers, with a clerk, who are paid by the fees received from the scholars, and the Mission furnishes merely the house. The Missionaries give religious instruction every day and also some instruction in secular studies. In January, the school was opened with fifty scholars, of whom ten were Christians, the other Brahmins. Since then the number of pupils has increased to 200. January 10 a Mohammedan Boys' School was opened with three teachers and thirty pupils, and the prospect of twenty or thirty more. We presume that the arrangements are similar to those for the High School, and that the expenses are borne by the pupils. The advantage gained from these schools is that all the pupils re-

ceive religious instructions from the Missionaries. A Mohammedan Girls' School was also opened July 1, 1884.

The annual reports from the Mission Schools for the year closing July 1st, 1884, have not reached us when this report was closed, owing, probably, to the fact that Mr. Artman was absent from home for two months ending June 14, and having to prepare his annual account as Treasurer, he was prevented from preparing the school reports. We are compelled to use the tables prepared January, 1884. Should the reports for July reach us in time they will be inserted in the printed minutes.

The Mission Schools have been under the care of Mr. Artman, assisted by Mr. Dietrich. Mrs. Artman has had oversight of the Girls' Schools, assisted by Miss I. G. MacCready, the sister of our Missionary, and Miss M. D. Payne. There are three of these schools at this time; the Christian Girls' School, the Caste Girls' School, and the Mohammedan Girls' School. In the Christian Girls' School the teachers are J. Jemima, G. Anamah, T. Elenora; in the Caste Girls' School, P. V. Ratnam, head-master, M. Suria Nanayana, assistant; the Mohammedan Girls' School was organized early in July.

Since the following table of scholars supported by friends was prepared, applications have been received from several persons and schools whose applications have been sent out to our Missionaries, in order to have scholars assigned. It may be well to state that it is much better to send the applications to India to the Missionary in charge of the scholars, who will select such scholars as give good promise of ability and character. The probabilities of a careful selection and of future satisfaction, are much greater when the matter is given in charge of the Missionary, than when a choice is made here from the list. The following applications have been forwarded to the Missionaries to be filled: Mrs. Kinzelman, Trinity Church, Middle Village, Long Island, charge of Rev. D. W. Peterson, for a boy; Missionary Society, Soldiers' Orphans School, Jumonville, Fayette Co., Pa., for a boy; a young lady, a teacher of music, who withholds her name, whom we will designate as Miss N. N., Pa., for a boy; Mission League, Watercure, Pa., for a girl; Crow's Run and Rehoboth S. Schools, Beaver Co., Pa., charge of Rev. W. A. Passavant, jr., for a boy.

A girl is also supported in the school at Samulcotta, by Gertie and Katie Bender, of the Infant School of Zion's Church, Jonestown, Penna., Rev. D. M. Martens, Pastor.

The cost of the support of a boy in our Mission School, is $30, that of a girl, $20—$25; the salary of a teacher ranges from $36 to $60, that of a catechist is $90.

TEACHERS SUPPORTED BY SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Name.	*Location.*	*By Whom Supported.*
J. William Henry	Rajahmundry	St. John's Sunday School, Allentown.
B. John	Velpur	Trinity Sunday School, Reading.
J. John	Rajahmundry	St Paul's (German), Philadelphia.
J. Daniel Henry	Rajahmundry	St. Johannis, Philadelphia.

LIST OF SCHOLARS IN MISSION SCHOOLS IN INDIA.

January 1, 1884.

DEPARTMENT I.—Smaller Boys.

	Name.	*Admitted.*	*Age*	*By Whom Supported.*
1	J. Nathaniel	June 1st, 1881	14	Rev. J. B. Fox, Emlenton.
2	P. Charles Henry	July 1st, "	14	Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Heinitsh, Lancaster.
3	C. Joseph	" " "	14	Ladies' Sewing Society, St. Peter's, New York.
4	P. David	Oct. " "	11	Francke Mission'y Society, Muhlenberg College.
5	A. Jacob	" " "	11	Transfiguration Sunday School, Pottstown.
6	C. Benjamin	Nov. " "	12	Trinity Sunday School, Lancaster.
7	P. Lazarus	Sept. 28th, 1882	14	St. Mark's Sunday School, New York.
8	M. Abraham	Dec. 1st, "	12	Father Heyer Missionary Society, Theological Seminary, Philadelphia.
9	M. Peter	Feb. 1st, 1883	13	Grace Sunday School, Bethlehem.
10	E. Nathan	" " "	14	Mrs. H. G. Sterling, Philadelphia.
11	M Shadrach	April 1st, "	14	
12	R. Thomas	June 15th, "	12	Mr. John Keck, Shannondale, Pa.
13	M. Daniel	" " "	11	St. John's Sunday School, Charleston, S. C.
14	Y. Devadas	" " "	9	
15	Y. Samuel	" " "	12	
16	J. Yohannu	" " "	8	
17	H. Yohannu	July 1st, "	11	
18	K. Henry	" " "	13	
19	K. George Christian	" " "	11	
20	K. Asher	" " "	9	
21	P. David	Aug. 1st, "	14	Missionary Society, Solomon's Church, Macungie.
22	A. Benjamin	" " "	12	
23	T. Joseph	Sept. 8th, "	13	
24	B. Benjamin	" " "	11	
25	D Solomon	" " "	11	
26	T. Solomon	" " "	8	
27	T. Sodharu	" " "	10	
28	P. Nathaniel	" " "	9	
29	S. Prakasen	" " "	9	
30	A. Bhooshanam	" " "	8	
31	T. Jacob	" " "	8	
32	M Devadas	Jan. 1st, 1884	12	St. Paulus' (Rev. F. Wischan), Philadelphia.
33	J. Peter	" " "	14	
34	V. Gnana Prakasem	" " "	12	
35	M. Devedas	" " "	11	
36	J. Cornelius	" " "	12	
37	M. Samuel	" " "	10	
38	T. Lazarus	" " "	12	
39	M. Lazarus	Feb. 1st, "	13	
40	G. Lazarus	" " "	14	
41	S. Lazarus	----------	12	

DEPARTMENT II.—Larger Boys.

1	K. Stephen	Aug. 1st, 1882	17	
2	J Thomas	July " "	17	
3	G. Ezra	Jan. 21st, 1883	17	
4	P. Noolsalu	April 1st, 1883	24	
5	K. Paul	" " "	17	
6	P Caleb	" " "	17	
7	B Gnana Anandem	" " "	17	
8	M. Samuel	July 1st, "	18	
9	P. Nehemiah	Sept. 8th, "	19	

DEPARTMENT II.—Larger Boys.—Continued.

Name.	*Admitted.*	*Age*	*By Whom Supported.*
10 R. Charles	June 1st, 1881	16	Salem Sunday School, Bethlehem.
11 R. Paradasy	" " "	16	Mr. J. G. Wagner's Class, Zion's Sunday School, Rochester, N. Y.
12 M. Yesudas	" " "	16	St. James' Sunday School, Reading.
13 A. Isaac	July 1st, "	16	Salem Sunday School, Lebanon.
14 E. James	" " "	16	Zion's Sunday School, Wilmignton, Del.
15 P. Mescheg	" " "	16	St. Luke's Sunday School, Philadelphia.
16 M. Cornelius	Jan 1st, 1884	18	St. Michael's Sunday School, Germantown.
17 P. David	Feb. 1st, "	18	Turbotville Charge, Rev. A. Pflueger.

BOYS LIVING WITH PARENTS OR FRIENDS.

1 C. Magiel	Jan. 1st, 1883	16	Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Schmidt.
2 T. Barnabas Joseph	----------	16	Rev. and Mrs. H. G. B. Artman.
3 N. Stephen Paulus	" " "	16	Rev. F. S. Dietrich.
4 J. Vundrajavaram	—— —— 1881	16	Telugu Class, St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia.
5 J Daniel Henry	—— —— 1882	15	St. Johannis Sunday School, Philadelphia.
6 Gollapilli Edward	Jan. —— 1884	6	Rev. and Mrs. H. G. B. Artman.

DEPARTMENT III.—Married Boarders.

1 P. Samuel	March 1st, 1883	22	St. Michael's Sunday School, Germantown.
2 Y. Joseph	Jan. 15th, "	30	
3 K. Philip	Aug. 1st, "	25	
4 Ch. Anandem	Jan. 1st, 1884	18	T. Van Stavern, Esq., Dowlaishwaram.
5 P. Isaac	" " "	20	T. Van Stavern, Esq., Dowlaishwaram.
6 Barla Daniel	" 7th, "	25	
7 Pattiparti Benjamin	Feb. 7th, "	40	
8 Vadi David	" " "	25	
9 Vellagipelli Samuel	" 12th, "	27	

GIRLS' BOARDING HOUSE.—Scholars.

1 G. Hannah	1879	17	Now a Bible Colporteur.
2 B. Hannah	"	17	Now a Bible Colporteur.
3 K. Mary Ann	July 1st, 1881	16	Miss Klingler, St Peter's, New York.
4 N. Hannah	" " "	16	Mrs. Harkness and daughters, Philadelphia.
5 E. Karunna	" " "	10	Missionary Society, St. Peter's, Philadelphia.
6 E. Rosina	" " "	12	
7 P. Velugu Heyer	" " "	11	St. Paul's Sunday School (English), Philadelphia.
8 P. Sundari	" " "	12	St. Michael's Infant School, Germantown.
9 T. Amelia Sophia	" " "	13	Mrs. Birbnaum, Philadelphia.
10 K Rose	" " "	12	
11 V. Latyavati	" " "	14	
12 J. Martha	" " "	15	
13 J. Maria	" " "	13	
14 M. Anna	" " "	14	
15 K. Karunna	" " "	13	
16 N. Martha	" " "	14	
17 M. Sarah	Dec. 1st, 1882	12	Mrs. C. F. Norton, Sims, D. T.
18 J. Jemima	Aug. 1st, 1883	10	
19 Ch. Leah	Sept. 1st, "	9	Busy Bee Society, St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
20 K. Aruryati	July 1st "	13	
21 T. Mary Ann	Nov. 15th, "	20	
22 P. Sarah	Jan. 24th, 1884	11	
23 S. Martha	" " "	10	
24 B. Alice Passamah	" " "	15	
25 B. Sallie Veeramah	Jan. 1st, "	9	
26 T Hannah	July 1st, 1881	15	
27 K. Grace	" " "	15	
28 Susie Monroe	----------	12	Infant School St. Mark's Sunday School, Philadelphia, Pa.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Expenditures in India from July, 1883, to June, 1884.

SALARIES.

Missionaries—Salaries	$3,700 00
Mission Agents, Native Pastors, Catechists, Teachers, etc.:—	
Rajahmundry District	455 07
Dowlaishwaram	45 63
Tallapudi District	203 06
Velpur District	585 60
Jagurupad District	271 20
Samulcotta District	294 33
	$5,554 89

SCHOOLS.

Boarding Houses, for Boys, Girls and Married Persons:—	
Rajahmundry—food for one year	640 18
" —clothing for one year	121 37
Samulcotta—board and clothing	22 96
School Books, Stationery—Rajahmundry	68 51
" " " —Samulcotta	4 51
School Furniture—Rajahmundry	56 37
Medicine for Boarders	6 15
	$920 05

BUILDINGS.

House for School and Services—Samulcotta	234 41
School House and Ground—Dowlaishwaram	184 50
Teacher's House	24 60
Rev. Joseph's House—Jagurupad	82 73
Girls' Boarding House—Rajahmundry, add	7 07
Williams' House—Rajahmundry, add	10 25
School House—Haimegherry	12 30
Wall, Riverdale and Miss.—Compound	77 46
Repairs—Rajahmundry	153 59
Building Material—Rajahmundry	117 16
Lime—burning—Rajahmundry	184 18
Bricks—making—Rajahmundry	143 45
Laborers	40 00
Sundries	32 74
Repairs, Materials, Sundries—Samulcotta	118 55
	$1,422 99

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Boat—Captain's pay	34 44
" —Repairs	14 41
" —License	4 92
Sundries	74 88
Taxes	21 65
Photographs	184 50
Interest and Exchange	32 80
Rev. H. G. B. Artman—traveling allowance	26 24
" " " —horse allowance	78 72
" " " —trip to Bimlipatain	61 50
" " " —postage	8 20
Rev. I. K. Poulsen—traveling allowance	10 14
" " " —postage, revenue stamps	1 40
" " " —horse allowance	78 72
	$632 52

SUMMARY.

Salaries	$5,554 89
Schools	920 05
Buildings	1,422 99
Miscellaneous	632 52
Total expenditures in India	$8,530 45

RECEIPTS IN INDIA.

Contributions—Residents of Rajhhmundry	$ 111 50
" —Mr. T. Van Stavern, Dowlaishwaram	171 68
" —Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Artman	61 50
" —Mr. Creswell	5 00
" —Rev. Mr. Dietrich for Zenana work	34 85
To Rev. Poulsen through Mrs. Carlson	101 27
" " from Rev. V. Setterdale, treas. Augustana Synod,	90 20
Sale of Bricks and Lime	67 85
Rents	40 43
Drafts for Salaries from America	3,700 00
" " Expenses of Mission from America	3,800 00
Balance on hand, July, 1883	287 27
Total Receipts in India	$8,471 58

Expenditures	$8,530 45
Receipts	8,471 58
Deficit, July, 1884	$ 58.87

EXPENDITURES IN AMERICA.

The amount expended for wood cuts, electrotypes, salary of the Business Agent, stationery and postage for his use, and the like

items of expense incurred on account of the Mission's bote and Foreign Missionary, are charged to the general account, because they are incurred for the papers jointly, and in part in acknowledging receipt of donations, and they are greatly overbalanced by the profits derived from the Mission's bote. One charge for paper for the bote was by mistake entered in this account, and cannot now be removed, as it has been audited. The money expended for photographs will also be returned with increase by their sale. It will be seen that the only expense of the Committee paid by the Treasurer is for postage and stationery. It would scarcely be possible to make the cost of administration of the funds less than it is. The amount expended by the Treasurer for the work in with that given in the accounts of the Treasury in India before given, because the fiscal year in India ends June 30, while in America it closes at the meeting of the Council in October. The expenditures of the Treasurer of the Council have been :

FOREIGN MISSIONS—EXPENDITURES.

Engravings, Electrotypes, etc.	$146 55	
Envelopes, Postal Cards, etc.	36 75	
Salary of Business Agent	100 00	
Paper for Mission's bote	247 38	
Periodicals for Editors	28 15	
Expressage—labor	9 50	
Total for Missionary papers		$ 568 33
Photographs—to be sold		200 24
Rev. H. C. Schmidt—voyage and expenses		239 50
Rev. F. J. MacCready—voyage, outfit and advances		600 00
Rev. I. K. Poulsen		26 00
Mrs. Carlson—balance due		90 00
Annual Report—reprint		11 00
Discount on Canada Money		2 63
Postage		1 37
Deficit—October, 1883		13 99
Salaries and Mission Expenses in India		9,050 00
		$10,803 06

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES—JULY, 1884, TO JUNE, 1885.

Salaries of Missionaries	$ 4,035 00
Rev. H. C. Schmidt—expenses in America	
" " " —return to India	750 00
Mission Expenses in India	5,000 00
Sending out another Missionary	400 00
Sending out a female Missionary	400 00
Contingencies	615 00
Total	$11,500 00

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Council was opened with religious services conducted by Rev. Ph. Krug.

The roll was called and the minutes of the former session were read and approved.

The Church Book Committee made a report which was received and taken up for consideration as follows:

Report of the Church Book Committee.

During the past year the Committee was actively engaged in the preparation of the Ministerial acts. Two meetings of the whole Committee were held in Philadelphia, one during Christmas vacation, the other in September. A sub-committee of two English and two German members was in session for three weeks during the summer, and their work was laid before the full Committee in September, and is herewith submitted, in the form in which it was finally adopted by the full Committee. A sufficient number of copies of the Order of Infant Baptism, Adult Baptism, Confirmation and Confession and Absolution have been printed in the German original. On account of the serious sickness of the English Secretary it was impossible to have a full English translation of all the forms, even in a provisional form, ready for this Convention.

The forms as now presented show all the material selected and the arrangement proposed for the different parts of the respective service. It is the intention of the Committee to prepare a series of introductory rubrics, which are to precede each of these forms and give such direction and information as the pastors and congregations ought to have.

As the two former Committees, the English and the German, are now merged into one Church Book Committee of the General Council it was thought proper that the Committee should be reorganized. This was done by the election of Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, D. D., as Chairman, Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D., as English, and A. Spaeth, D. D., as German Secretary. It was resolved that the General Council should be requested to revise and reconstruct to a certain extent the list of the present Committee, because in the course of years such changes have taken place in the location of its members, as to make it impossible for a number of them to take an active part in our work.

Respectfully submitted,

A. SPAETH, *German Sec. of Com.*

It was resolved to consider the Form of Baptism in all its parts.

Resolved, That the Introduction as far as the words of the institution be adopted as presented in the German copy, provisionally published and now before the Convention.

Resolved, That all be adopted as far as the reference made to the the Coburg Church Order of 1626.

At this point Rev. Dr. S. Fritschel presented a communication from the Rev. Mr. Droppa, pastor of a Lutheran congregation at Streator, Illinois, concerning Hungarian and Slavonian Lutheran Immigrants, which was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. F. Wischan, Dr. S. Fritschel, and Mr. G. W. Boas.

The session was closed with prayer by Rev. T. N. Hasselquist, D. D.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, 1:30, P. M.

The session was opened with devotional exercises by Rev. C. J. Cooper.

The Treasurer made his report, which was received and accepted, only the principal sums, however, being read in the Convention.

Treasurer's Report.

GENERAL EXPENSE FUND.

1884.				
April	2.	To cash—Rev. Jacob Fry, D. D., Treasurer, Appropriation for Book Fund	$ 300 00	
May	21.	To cash—W. A. Schmitthener, Treas	10 50	
Aug.	1.	To cash—W. A. Schmitthener, Treas., contribution through Synod	25 00	
Sept.	19.	To cash amount due from the Pittsburgh Synod per James Sheafer, Treas. Pittsb'gh Synod	146 00	
Oct.	13.	To cash—Rev. J. B. Rath, Treas. Ministerium of Pennsylvania	400 00	
				$ 881 50
1883.		CR.		
Oct.	33.	By cash, Bernhard Kolb, for services as sexton	10 00	
	16.	Overdrawn last year	36 42	
Nov.	8.	" H. E. Jacobs, for expenses incurred in preparation of Catechism	18 00	
	19.	" W. E. Hering, printing the 95 Theses	27 50	

1884.			
April 4. Aug. 11. Sept. 19. Oct. 13.	By Cash, W. E. Hering, printing German Minutes	$211 61	
June 18. Aug. 8. Sept. 19.	" Murdock, Kerr & Co., printing English Minutes	249 32	
Oct. 13.	" Balance advanced to Emigrant Mission to pay Rev. Neumann	40 36	
			$593 21
	Balance		288 20
			$881 50

MISSIONSBOTE.

1883–84. DR.

Balance last year	$1633 48	
Received from Rev. C. G. Fischer	2566 32	
Amount of subscriptions	10 20	
Discount on bill of Doble, Mudge & Chapman 2 per cent on $244.50	4 90	
		$4214 90

CR.

W. E. Hering, Missionsbote, 13 Nos. (including paper furnished by W. E. H. for 5 Nos.)	$1044 50	
Mailing Missionsbote	387 26	
Transferred to Foreign Missions Fund, as per order of Board	1000 00	
Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, Missionsbote paper	733 75	—$3165 51
		1049 39
		$4214 90

FOREIGN MISSIONARY.

1883–84. DR.

Received from Rev. C. G. Fischer	$461 96	
Amount of subscriptions	70	
		$462 66

1883–84. CR.

Overdrawn last year	$329 91	
Craig, Finley & Co., Foreign Missionary and postage, 12 Nos.	484 29	—$814 20
Overdrawn		$351 54

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

CR.

By drafts	$8,671 00	
Checks	48 75	
Expressage, postage, etc.	10 06	
Periodicals for use of Board	28 06	

By Printing Mission reports and envelopes	$ 16 00	
Electros and cuts and repairing electros	94 25	
Stationery	20 85	
Postal cards	15 00	
1 Album	5 85	
Work done by Mr. Schimpf	5 00	
Discount on Canada money	2 63	
Overdrawn last year	19 84	
Rev. C. G. Fischer's salary	100 00	
" O. P. Smith, acc't Rev. Dietrich's salary	294 50	
" Jac. Fry, D. D., do	100 00	
" F. McCready,	600 00	
Mr. and Mrs. Dent, boarding Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt	39 50	
Rev. H. C. Schmidt, on acc't of salary (as payment of subscription to new Seminary fund)	50 00	
Meynen & Co., photographs, etc.	194 39	
Mrs. Hilda Carlson, salary	90 00	
Rev. H. C. Schmidt, on acc't salary	150 00	
		$10,555 68

DR.

To Contributions from Rev. C. G. Fischer and others from Nov. 13, 1883, to Oct. 14, 1884, as already acknowledged in the Missionsbote	$10,379 18	
Cash overdrawn	176 50	
		$10,555 68

Resolved, That the accounts of the Treasurer be referred to an auditing committee, and in future the Foreign Mission Committee be requested to audit their own accounts.

The Chair appointed Messrs. W. Hauff, N. Conrad and A. G. Saeger as the auditing committee.

In reference to the Foreign Mission Committee, it was resolved to request them hereafter to present their annual report to the Council in a printed form, to be bound in with the minutes of the Convention.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed with Rev. Samuel Laird as chairman, to present a memorial concerning the death of Missionary Artman, and the condition of his family. The committee was made to consist of Revs. S. Laird, E. Belfour, and Mr. J. Klingensmith.

Rev. S. Laird made a very affecting statement concerning the affliction of Mrs. Artman, who was quite young when she went to India, and in two years lost father, mother and husband, and is left a widow with several small children in a heathen land. He requested the prayers of the church in her behalf. The President immediately invited the Convention to unite in prayer with Rev. Mr. Laird, who in a very feeling manner commended the fatherless and widow

in heathen lands to the merciful care of our Heavenly Father and the tender sympathy and grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and the sustaining comforts of the Holy Ghost.

The former Committee on Foreign Missions was re-elected for the coming year, substituting the name of Rev. Mr. Englund for that of Rev. Mr. C. J. Petri, who has removed from Philadelphia.

It was resolved that this Convention heartily approves the report of the Foreign Mission Committee, and rejoices in the same.

The report of the English Home Mission Committee was read, received and ordered to be published in the minutes, as follows :

Report of the Committee on English Home Missions.

At the commencement of the year the Committee had under its care five missions and one mission station, in charge of four missionaries. Since then another missionary has been added, and two mission stations have been established. This is an increase beyond what we had two years ago of three missionaries, three missions where there are organized congregations, and three mission stations where there are no English organizations, but where services either for adults or children or both are maintained.

The most embarrassing question the Committee had to meet was how to interest the churches in this work, so as to induce them to contribute the means which are absolutely necessary to its support, and without which nothing can be done. Early in the year a circular letter was addressed to pastors and church councils, showing our entire dependence upon their co-operation, and requesting that they "make such arrangements in their respective congregations as will give the people an opportunity to contribute specially to this cause, at least once a year." The answers to this were so few in number that another circular was sent out in the Spring, inquiring whether any action had been taken in regard to the request previously made at the beginning of the year, and what might be expected in reference to it. At the same time application was made to the Sunday Schools, by circular soliciting contributions from them. Subsequently to this a postal card was addressed to those who had made no reply,again calling their attention to the matter, and asking for an answer,so that the Committee might know what to depend upon. In these various issues nearly two hundred and fifty pastors and charges were addressed, the greater part as many as three times. Out of the entire number ninety-six returned replies; of these, forty-nine sent contributions, twenty-one promised to do so by the end of the year,

and twenty-six, for various reasons, declined to contribute. No response was received from the others. As no funds were voted to our treasury during the year by any of the Synods, and we were expected to derive our revenues solely from what congregations and individuals might give, it is no wonder that we should feel discouraged at this state of affairs. Nevertheless we have been able to pay the salaries due the missionaries promptly at the end of each quarter and to meet our other expenses, and while we have trustingly commissioned another missionary to occupy a place which had been temporarily served by a neighboring pastor, we have not been enabled to enlarge our field of operations as we desired, nor to pay anything on the principal of the debt, which remains the same as at the last report. From what has been done by the congregations which have taken up collections for this cause, we can form some idea of what might be accomplished, if all would do the same. We can only continue our efforts in the same line in which we have been operating to atsain this desirable result, in the hope that in the near future all the churches will send an annual contribution for this work of general Home Missions. We would ask the General Council to call upon its District Synods to take such action as will secure the assistance of all their congregations for the treasury of one or the other of its committees, to be continued from year to year.

The Committee appointed the Rev. W. F. Ulery, one of its members, to make a visitation of all its missions, in order that there might be a personal inspection of their management and mode of working, and of their condition and prospects. He spent nine weeks during the summer in the performance of this duty, and also in visiting a large and inviting section of the great field committed to our oversight and care; gathering information, counseling and advising with the missionaries and officers of the churches,and with other interested ministers and laymen, and making preparation for occupying new and important places where hitherto no English Lutheran churches have been established. The account of the missions which he brought back to us showed that the reports we had received from the missionaries from time to time, were accurate and impartial; that several cities in which the new churches were located had been well chosen as fields of labor, inasmuch as they contained abundant Lutheran material from which English churches could in time be built up, which would be centers of influence from which to operate upon the surrounding districts of country. Various items of interest contained in his report are embodied in the account of the state of the missions given below. Bro. Ulery also visited a large number of

other points of interest in Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Dakota, going as far north as Duluth and as far west as Moadan, in all of which sections of country he is convinced that work should be commenced. He was particularly attracted to the growing cities and towns along the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad, at the most important of which he spent considerable time. Among them we may mention Brainard, Moorhead, Fargo, Sanborn, Valley City, Jamestown and Bismarck As the result of his observation he earnestly advises and urges that at least two missionaries be sent out to labor along the line of this railroad. The occasion for their presence there is immediate and pressing. Now lots of ground for churches can be obtained at cheap rates, and other conditions also are favorable for the establishment of new enterprises. The Committee has not yet determined upon what shall be done in the case, but we are anxious to occupy this promising field immediately, and will do so if we are sustained in the effort.

The mission district in charge of the Rev. G. H. Trabert during the larger part of this and the previous year, was greater than any one man could properly attend to. It embraced the cities of Minneapolis, with a population of 115,000, and St. Paul, with over 100,000 inhabitants, at both of which there were organized congregations, and Red Wing, a town of 10,000 inhabitants, situated upon the west bank of the Mississippi, 42 miles below St. Paul. Bro. Trabert earnestly called upon the Committee again and again to commission two more pastors, one to be stationed at St. Paul and the other at Red Wing. We would gladly have acquiesced in this pressing request, but the funds at our disposal did not permit us to do more than to station a missionary at St. Paul. Accordingly the Rev. Alexander J. D. Houpt was appointed, subject to the election of the congregation there. He is a graduate of the last class of the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, was ordained by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania at its recent convention at Reading, Pennsylvania, ane entered upon his duties at St. Paul on the 62th of June.

One of the most gratifying things to your Committee, and so noteworthy as to deserve special mention in this official report, is the interest taken by one of our churches in this mission work, and the consequent aid extended by it. The Sunday School Missionary Society of St. John's Church, Philadelphia, Rev. Edmund E. Sibole, pastor, contributes $500 towards the support of the Minneapolis mission, and the congregation sent $500 in one sum to secure the lot of ground on which our English church stands in the city of St. Paul. We have no doubt that the amount which they have annually

paid for two years past, towards the salary of one of the missionaries, will be continued so long as it is needed. We commend this example to the attention of other churches, and believe that it would awaken renewed interest, and largely increase the amounts given, if congregations and Sunday Schools would take under their special care particular mission fields, sending their gifts to them, receiving reports directly from them, and regarding them as their own missions.

The amount received by the Treasurer is $4,315.01. The amount expended, $3,735.60; balance in the Treasury, $579.41. The principal of the debt remains the same as at the last report, viz, $1,000; we have not been able to reduce it. The total sum received is less than that of the preceding year by $735 51. This is accounted for by the fact that during the year 1882–3 the Executive Committee of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania voted $1,600 directly from the Synod's treasury to the use of the General Council's Committee, while during this year nothing was received from that source. It was understood a year ago that the District Synods were not to be expected to contribute from their Synodical funds to the general Home Missions of the Council, but that their churches should be open to the direct solicitation of the Committee having charge of this work. We have acted in accordance with this understanding, and the result shows that while our revenues have to some extent fallen off, because of this withdrawal of Synodical aid, yet that this deficit has been partially made up by an increased number of contributions from the congregations. While the Synods are not now bound by any request or resolution of the Council to vote money from their treasuries to the Committees of the Council, yet they are still at liberty to do so, and we would gratefully receive such aid; nevertheless we feel that the general work is as much theirs as ours, and that they are morally bound to assist us in making application to their congregations, and to adopt such measures as will influence all their churches to take part in raising the much needed funds for our treasuries. When this is done we shall have no fears that the work will languish or fail of support.

The following is a brief account of the state of the missions:

TRINITY CHURCH, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

This church is in charge of the Rev. C. Koerner. On December 9th the congregation for the first time occupied the basement of their new edifice, which was in course of erection during the preceding year. On this joyous occasion there was an audience of about

300 persons present, and the pastor was assisted in the service by the Rev. Paul Anderson. The change thus effected from their previous quarters to their own attractive new building, has had a happy effect, which is shown by an increased attendance and larger additions to the membership. The Sunday School has prospered and gratifying additions have been made to it. A sewing school has been established by the ladies of the congregation, which is held on Saturdays, and in which poor children are taught to make useful articles of apparel, which are given to one of the public institutions of Chicago, and to the Orphans' Home at Jacksonville, Illinois. This has been the means of bringing a number of children into the Sunday School. At the annual congregational meeting held April 14th, the report of the finances showed the assets of the church to be $38,000, and the liabilities $14,800, of which $12,000 are funded in two mortgages held by Thiel College, and $2,800 constitute a floating debt which the congregation is now making efforts to pay off. The amount of $6,500 had been raised towards the building fund since the preceding annual congregational meeting, of which $320 had been contributed by the Sunday School. The Sunday collections by envelope and otherwise had netted $1,300 which was twice as much as had been received from the same source in any previous year.

The parochial report is: Baptized, 16; confirmed, 25; received by transfer, 32; dismissed, 3; married, 20; buried, 16; communed, about 175.

The reports show the attendance to be good both at the morning and evening services, and that the congregation is harmoniously and unitedly working for both the spiritual and temporal welfare of the church. They are very anxious to finish the main audience room of their building, and when that is done expect to be able to take care of themselves.

WICKER PARK MISSION, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Wicker Park Church, of which the Rev. F. C. C. Kaehler is pastor, is located in the western part of Chicago, in the midst of a large foreign Lutheran population, and in a section of the city where there are few churches. It has a number of supporters who are not members of the church, who are interested in it and who have materially aided in maintaining it. The pastor expects to make a thorough canvass of the district surrounding his church with a view of gathering into it many of those who do not attend service elsewhere.

The church property is worth about $8,000. Over $1,800 were raised during the year for church expenses, of which amount the

Sunday School contributed $150. All the current expenses, including $500 of the pastor's salary, interest on the funded debt, &c., were paid. The debt remains the same as at our last report, viz: $4,200. It would have been materially reduced had it not been that $700 had to be paid for the paving of the streets around the lot on which the church stands.

The parochial report is as follows: Number of confirmed members, 62; received by confirmation, 7; received by transfer, 8; infants baptized, 18; funerals attended, 9; marriages, 8; number of scholars in Sunday School, 250; number of teachers, 8. The attendance at divine service ranges form 40 to 80.

The Ladies' Aid Society has been an efficient organization, especially in helping to provide for the interest of the debt, and other expenses. They are very desirous of paying off the debt entirely, aud when this is accomplished the erection of a parsonage on the rear of the lot is contemplated. Though the communicant membership is small, the Sunday school is large, and would be larger if more teachers could be obtained. The presence of so many young people affords the hopeful prospect of encouraging ingatherings in the near future, and gives the promise of a prosperous self-sustaining congregation.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MINNEAPOLIS.

The Rev. G. H. Trabert has continued in charge of this mission. For the greater part of the year while service was held every Sunday evening, the missionary could only preach at the morning service on every other Sunday, as he was compelled to be present every alternate Sunday morning at the mission at St. Paul This was a serious hindrance to the prosperous growth of the membership. The difficulty is now removed and divine service is held every Lord's Day, morning and evening. The members and others attached to the mission represent 28 families, not including individuals who attend occasionally. Those who are interested to a greater or less degree, and are present at service more or less regularly, number about 80 souls. The majority of the members are young people, nearly all of them laborers with small income, and during the past year part of them have at times been out of employment, making it difficult to raise the money to meet current expenses. The Sunday School is small, though regularly maintained, and it will require time, patience and perseverance to gather large numbers into either it or the congregation. And yet the material is abundant, as there are two German and nine Scandinavian Lutheran congregations in the city, but their young people are not as yet sufficiently Anglicized to

enter an English church. Upon accessions from this source, however, the mission must almost entirely depend for its growth for the present, at least, as the Lutherans who have moved from the East have, for the most part, united with other organizations or are alienated from all church attachment.

The congregation has contributed $175 in the past year for current expenses and tax on the property. The total amount collected by the missionary towards the debt is $1,547.77. Of this sum, $775 came from members of St. John's Church, Philadelphia; $300 from various persons in Minneapolis; $160 from St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, and the rest in smaller sums from congregations and individuals, who responded to the appeals made in the church papers. This does not include $575 expended on the parsonage, for which the Minnesota Conference of the Augustana Synod has made itself responsible, and which is promised in full by December.

A debt of $9,000 rests upon the congregation. The property is valuable, estimated now to be worth $15,000, exclusive of the buildings upon it, and being situated near the business center of the city, is increasing in value rapidly. Nevertheless, such a heavy debt as this is too great a burden for so feeble an organization to bear. There must be substantial help accorded if the ground obtained is to be held. It would be a great pity to sacrifice the property and lose what we have gained. The missionary appeals to the church for aid for his struggling flock, and will make every personal exertion in Minneapolis and elsewhere to raise sufficient money to lessen the amount on which interest has to be paid, to such an extent that the congregation may be able to carry the remainder.

The parochial report is: Received by confirmation, 6; by transfer, 9; communicant members, 26; infants baptized, 15; lost, by removal, 1; funerals attended, 5; marriages, 10; number of persons who communed, 36.

In February last, in connection with one of the Swedish churches, a mission Sunday School was started in a quarter of the city occupied by very poor people. It is conducted in both the Swedish and English languages. At the same place a sewing school has been commenced, which is superintended by Mrs. Trabert.

TOLEDO MISSION.

On the first Sunday in January, the Rev. Dr. Harkey and his congregation were enabled to enter into their new place of worship, to which extended reference was made in our last report. With great

gratitude to God the services of dedication of the building were held, at which the pastor was assisted by the Rev. Dr. Passavaut, and the Rev. Prof. Huebner. The people are happy in the possession of their own church, which is handsomely finished and comfortably arranged, and provides a home for our English speaking congregation in Toledo, of which they justly feel proud. The advantages of having such an attractive chapel were soon made apparent. The building of it showed that the people and their pastor were in earnest, and meant that the enterprise should be a success. This has inspired confidence. On the Sunday after the dedication 16 new members were added. The Lenten season was observed by holding extra services once a week until Easter, at which time 22 more persons were received into communicant membership, 12 by confirmation, and 10 by certificate, the former having been under instruction in the catechetical class for a period of six months. Subsequently to this other additions were also made, which more than doubled the number of communicants in one year's time The mission may be considered as firmly established and in fair way of rapid increase and substantial growth, and is reported as now becoming known to the entire city, and gaining the confidence and respect of the whole community.

The Sunday School has also experienced the beneficial effects of the change from the inconvenient rented hall in which is was held to its new quarters, and now has an attendance of from 70 to 100 children.

The current expenses are promptly met, including $300 of the pastor's salary. The church cost $3,000, and the lot $1,500, and the whole property is now worth $5,500. A debt of $2,200 remains to be paid, the interest of which is provided for by the congregation, who also expect to be able to pay the principal as its installments become due.

The following is the parochial report; Baptisms, children, 10; adults, 15; confirmations, 19; received by transfer, 29; funerals attended, 7; communicant members, 76.

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

The Memorial Church at St. Paul was served for nine months in the year by the Rev. G. H. Trabert, and for the last quarter by the Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, who is regularly in charge as pastor. He was installed in his office July 6th. He addressed himself with alacrity to his work, and immediately took steps to provide for an install-

ment of the debt, which with interest, became due August 18th. His efforts met with happy success, and promptly on the day indicated $1,025, the whole amount then due, were paid, greatly to the relief of the little band and of the missionary, who was exceedingly grateful that his appeals in the church papers and private letters to friends in the East, had brought such a quick response. There is still $2,200 owing on the lot, at 8 per cent. interest, payable on or before two years. A note of $167.50 which was given towards the purchase of the chapel, and to provide for its removal and repair, has also been reduced by $50, and it is expected that in a short time the remainder of it will be paid.

The average attendance is about 30 in the morning, and from 15 to 20 in the evening. The Sunday School has about twenty children. A catechetical class of five members has been started, which number it is expected will be increased to 8 or 10. A class has also been commenced to teach the English language to such persons of foreign birth or parentage as may desire to acquire it; it is coupled with Bible instruction and is held on Sunday afternoon.

The missionary has made a canvass of the city and found 28 Lutheran families, most of whom have been so long out of the church that they have become indifferent to it. Ten of them come to the services with more or less regularity. The great distance at which many of the congregation live prevents regular attendance, and is a decided hindrance to the prosperity of the mission.

The congregation now provides for all its current expenses, including the interest on the debt, and $100 of the pastor's salary. At least $4,500 have been raised for the mission since its establishment about one year and a half ago. About one half of this amount has come from churches in the East, and the rest has been contributed by the congregation and friends in St. Paul.

The parochial report for the year is: Infant baptisms, 4; received by confirmation, 1; by transfer, 10; number of communicant members, 17.

RED WING, MINNESOTA.

Services have been held at this place every other Friday evening. Although no organization has been effected, it is reported to be a more promising field than either Minneapolis or St. Paul. Efforts have been made to secure a lot, but none has been found in a suitable locality, which could be obtained at a reasonable price. On Trinity Sunday three young persons were confirmed in the Swedish church, and another class of catechumens will be formed this fall.

The movement is heartily seconded by pastor Sjœblom, and leading members of his church agree with him in the conviction that an English organization ought to be formed at an early day. Our committee has been earnestly solicited to send a missionary to Red Wing, but up to this time we have not seen our way to do so, mainly for want of means. The work there is temporarily in charge of the Rev. G. H. Trabert.

OTHER PLACES.

Visits have been made and divine service held at other points of interest, among which we may mention Kalamazoo county, Michigan, where Dr. Harkey spent a week and made arrangements for the formation of a new and self-sustaining charge, Watertown and Osceola Mills, Wisconsin, and Brainard, Minnesota. The work at these places, however, has not sufficiently advanced to enable us to give positive information. We hope the committee will be able to report substantial results in another year.

A copy of the treasurer's accounts is herewith presented as a part of this report. Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

Philadelphia, Pa., October 9, 1884.

Peter A. Keller, Treasurer, in account with English Committee Home Missions, General Council:

1883.		DR.	
Oct. 15.	To balance as per account rendered	$	725 95
	" John S. Heyl, Treasurer		250 00
17.	" Rev. G. L. Rankin		6 10
20.	" Thos. M. Lewry, St. Mark's S. School		100 00
23.	" Rev. H. K. Shanor		12 50
Nov. 21.	" Rev. Geo. Gaumer		7 10
21.	" Rev. C. J. Cooper		4 87
28.	" J. H. Batterman, Treasurer Holy Trinity, New York		100 00
Dec. 1.	" Rev. J. Ash		12 00
10.	" C. T. Kuhnle, Orphan Asylum, Germantown		2 04
19.	" G. H. Dieckmann, Vandalia, Ills.		5 00
27.	" John S. Heyl, Treasurer, Philadelphia, Pa.		125 00
31.	" Rev. S. A. Ziegenfuss, Bath, Pa.		10 00
1884.			
Jan. 2.	" Rev. R. M. Zimmerman, Saltsburg, Pa.		16 00
7.	" Rev. J. C. Kunzman, Greensburg, Pa.		13 00
9.	" J. M. Miller, Supt., Rochester, N. Y.		84 00
9.	" J. M. Miller, Dorcas Society,		20 00

1884.

Jan.	17.	To John S. Heyl, Treasurer, Philadelphia, Pa.	$ 125 00
	17.	" Rev. F. J. F. Schantz, Myerstown, Pa.	8 00
	24.	" Rev. G. L. Rankin, Scenery Hill, Pa.	7 66
	30.	" Rev. Dr. Krotel—from L. Holmquist, N. Y.	25 00
Feb.	1.	" Rev. Dr. Krotel, from H. H. Anderoh, N.Y.	5 00
	2.	" Rev. A. N. Bartholomew, Chartiers, Pa.	10 50
	4.	" Rev. D. Earhart, Cochran's Mills, Pa.	2 24
	6.	" Rev. Dr. Passavaut, Hospital, Ills.	5 00
	11.	" Rev. R. E. McDaniel, Vandalia, Ills.	13 00
	13.	" M. E. Showalter, Norristown, Pa.	5 00
	18.	" John S. Heyl, Treasurer, Philadelphia, Pa.	224 63
Mar.	5.	" Rev. D. H. Geissinger, Easton, Pa.	25 00
	12.	" Rev. W. O. Shanor, Pine Creek, Pa.	12 00
	12.	" C. E. Boehme, Secretary, Germantown, O.	10 00
	18.	" Rev. F. W. Koehler, Franklin, Pa.	30 00
Apr.	1.	" John S. Heyl, Treasurer, Philadelphia, Pa.	126 75
	15.	" Rev. W. P. Shanor, Mt. Zion, Pa.	18 00
	15.	" Rev. W. P. Shanor, Mem'l, Allegheny, Pa.	6 00
	16.	" Rev. Reuben Hill, Allentown, Pa.	50 00
	17.	" James Sheafer, Treas., Rev. E. Belforn	375 00
	23.	" " " " " " add'l,	10 00
	26.	" Rev. J. Ash, Shannondale, Pa.	16 00
	29.	" Sarah Johannes	2 00
May	3.	" Mrs. G. J. Duff	5 00
	3.	" Friends at Crowsrun	6 10
	9.	" F. L. Holmquist, Sec'y, Holy Trinity,	100 00
	9.	" Geo. G. Kip, New York	100 00
	24.	" Rev. E. Cressman, Venango, Pa.	10 00
	26.	" Mrs. E. H., Ch. Holy Com., Phila., Pa.	5 00
	27.	" Rev. B. M. Schmucker, Pottstown, Pa.	27 00
	28.	" J. Jacob Mohr, Treas., Philadelphia, Pa.	118 44
	28.	" Rev. E. Cressman, Meadville, Pa.	7 25
June	2.	" Rev. J. A. Seiss, Prest., Minn., Pa.	50 00
	2.	" Rev. Dr. Fry, from Rev. J. Early	8 21
	2.	" " " " " C. J. Cooper	13 20
	2.	" " " " " H. N. Negley	15 52
	3.	" Thos. M. Leury, Treas., Philadelphia, Pa.	66 35
	3.	" Rev. Enoch Smith, Bethlehem, Pa.	25 30
	3.	" Rev. W. P. Shanor, Pine Creek, Pa.	12 50
	3,	" " " " Union S. S.	7 00
	3.	" Rev. E. L. Reed, Lancaster, Pa.	25 00
	4.	" Rev. J. H. Kuder, Lehighton, Pa.	8 01
	12.	" Rev. J. B. Roth, Treas., from Rev. G. F. W. Guensch	5 00
	12.	" Rev. J. B. Roth, Treasurer, from Rev. Dr. Greenwald	150 00
	12.	" Rev. J. B. Roth, Treas., from Rev. A. M. Strauss	10 87

1884.				
June 13.	To Rev. B. W. Schmauk, Lebanon, Pa.	$	90 70	
13.	" Rev. W. J. Andres, Bath, Pa.		10 00	
13.	" Rev. T. T. Jaeger, Reading, Pa.		25 00	
13.	" Rev. B. S. Smoll, Klinesville, Pa.		7 75	
13.	" Rev. J. B. Roth, Beth'm, Pa.		13 59	
16.	" Rev. J. G. Cressman, Kutztown, Pa.		12 50	
16.	" Rev. H. Geisz, Jonestown, Pa.		10 00	
16.	" Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, Selins Grove, Pa.		5 00	
24.	" Rev. Dr. Krotel, from Wm. Hauff, N. Y.		10 00	
27.	" Rev. J. N. S. Erb, Orwysburg, Pa.		10 00	
30.	" Miss Henrietta Graff, Ch. Holy Com.		10 00	
July 7.	" Rev. Geo. S. Seaman, Elizabethtown, Pa.		10 00	
7.	" Rev. C. S. Seaman, Renovo, Pa.		3 00	
8.	" John S. Heyl, Treas., Philadelphia, Pa.		125 00	
10.	" Rev. H. Peters, Saegertown, Pa.		10 00	
11.	" Rev. G. H. Dieckmann, Vandalia, Ills.		5 00	
11.	" Rev. R. R. Dursh, Dell Roy, O.		15 00	
15.	" Mrs. S. McG., Springdale, Pa.		2 00	
24.	" W. A. Schmithenner, Treas., Lyons, N. Y.,		10 00	
24.	" Rev. Dr. Fry, Benev'nce fund, Reading, Pa.		100 00	
Aug 8.	" Rev. J. H. Smith, Wadsworth, O.		12 50	
11.	" Rev. W. A. C. Mueller, Moselem, Pa.		5 00	
12.	" Rev. C. J. Cooper, Freemansburg, Pa.		1 50	
12.	" Rev. W. H. Rickert, Williamsport, Pa.		25 00	
13.	" Rev. P. Doerr, Warren, Pa.		28 00	
19.	" Rev. Geo. Gaumer, Sehner charge, Pa.		8 00	
26.	" Rev. John Sader, Ridgway, Pa.		5 50	
28.	" Rev. J. G. Snyder, Emlenton, Pa.		4 30	
Sept. 6.	" Rev. J. M. Anspach, Easton, Pa.		16 00	
6.	" Rev. G. H. Gerberding, Jewett, O.		88 00	
13.	" W. H. Zenser, Treas., Germantown, Pa.		50 00	
22.	" A. Spung, Treas., Reading, Pa.		5 00	
30.	" Rev. E. Cressman, Mosiertown, Pa.		6 00	
Oct. 3.	" S. S. Henry, Jersey Shore, Pa.		5 20	
8.	" Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, Selins Grove, Pa.		5 00	
8.	" Rev. C. Koerner, S. S., Chicago, Ills.		40 00	
8.	" Jno. S. Heyl, Treas., Philadelphia, Pa.		125 00	
10.	" Rev. D. Earhart, Cochrans Mills, Pa.		19 13	
			$4,315 01	
Oct. 10.	To balance			$ 579 41

1883.	CR.			
Oct. 16.	By Rev. G. H. Trabert, (H. H. M. Don,)	$	25 00	
1884.				
Jan. 15.	" Rev. S. L. Harkey		125 00	
15.	" Rev. C. Koerner		300 00	
15.	" Rev. F. C. C. Kaehler		125 00	
15.	" Rev. G. H. Trabert		250 00	

1884.

Jan.	15.	By Rev. G. H. Trabert—J. C. Kunzman		$ 13 00	
Feb.	12.	" " " "		13 00	
	18.	" " " "		234 63	
Apr.	1.	" " " "		245 00	
	1.	" Rev. S. L. Harkey		125 00	
	1.	" Rev. C. Koerner		300 00	
	1.	" Rev. F. C. C. Kaehler		125 00	
May	5.	" Horace Binder, printing		10 50	
June	11.	" Rev. A. J. D. Houpt		30 00	
July	1.	" Rev. G. H. Trabert		250 00	
	1.	" Rev. C. Koerner		300 00	
	1.	" Rev. F. C. C. Kaehler		125 00	
	1.	" Rev. S. L. Harkey		125 00	
Oct.	3.	" H. Binder, printing		7 50	
	3.	" Rev. W. F. Ulery		75 00	
	3.	" Rev. G. H. Trabert		250 00	
	3.	" Rev. C. Koerner		300 00	
	3.	" Rev. F. C. C. Kaehler		125 00	
	3.	" " " " —expenses		50 00	
	3.	" Rev. S. L. Harkey		125 00	
	3.	" Rev. A. J. D. Houpt, salary, June 26th to October 1st	$ 105.47		
	3.	" Rev. A. J. D. Houpt, less rem.	30.00	75 47	
	3.	" Rev. S. Laird, postage, etc.		6 50	
				$3,735 60	
	3.	" Balance		$ 579 41	
					$4,315 01

P. A. KELLER, *Treasurer.*

The undersigned hereby certify that having examined the above account and vouchers, report the same to be correct.

R. B. MILLER.
October 14, 1884. W. W. KURTZ.

Further action upon the subject of Home Missions was postponed until the reports of the German and Swedish Committees are received.

On motion the time of adjournment was extended sufficiently to allow of the reading of the report of the German Home Mission Committee. The report was presented and received, and is as follows:

Report of the German Home Mission Committee.

As in the year preceding, so also this year, your committee has had its hands full in attending to the work within the boundaries of the Synods belonging to the General Council. The longer we labor, the

larger the field appears, and in like proportion we learn the more to recognize the fact that with might of ours can naught be done, and that all depends upon the Lord's blessing. Often have we sighed: Arise, O Lord, and have mercy upon Zion, for Thy servants desire that she may be built up.

The brethren who so faithfully aided us last year, Rev. G. A. Hinterleitner, of Pottsville, Pennsylvania, and C. D. Boschen, Esq., of New York, were re-elected to complete your committee.

I. CANADA.

In Canada, on the 24th of October, 1883, candidate B. Mueller, whom we sent thither, was ordained to the office of the holy ministry, and is now pastor of the congregations in Brant and Hanover. At the same time he supplies Walkerton.

The *Muskoka* Mission District, which was vacant for a period of two years, and last year could be served but once with the Word and Sacrament, was last May supplied by Rev. A. Blunck. He came to us from Germany in the month of April, and was ordained May 9th. The district consists of four congregations, Draper, Ryde, Monk and Morrison, and lies in Victoria county, Ontario. Pastor Blunck writes: "The congregations rejoice in having a pastor once more, and gladly come to church." On Whitsunday, at Draper, he organized a Sunday School with 30 children and 4 teachers. The congregation has erected a new parsonage for him. Ryde is situated but six miles from Draper, but the road thither passes almost entirely through the primitive forest, and is in such a condition that it is impossible to serve this congregation on the same day with Draper. When there for the first time, he baptized a little child. After the baptism a gentleman told him that he had four unbaptized children, the oldest eight years of age. These he wished him to baptize when he came again.

The *Thorne Centre* Mission, on the Ottawa river, comprises the two congregations, Thorne Centre, in Quebec, and Admaston, in Ontario, with a preaching station at Renfrew, Renfrew county, Ontario. Here the Rev. Mr. Langholz is laboring with great faithfulness. When he was to be sent thither, a man who formerly resided in that region, sought to prevent him from going. He earnestly advised him not to go, as nobody could be expected to live in such a wilderness, where bears played in the forest, and the wolves howled around the houses at night; where, in summer, it was impossible to get along on the miserable roads, and where in winter, snow from

five to nine feet deep prevented all communication, or the rough, ice-cold winds gave command to remain in the loghouse behind the stove;—and then to travel—to travel several hundred miles in such regions, was too cruel to ask. But the missionary, impelled by the true mission-spirit, could not be frightened. He thought that where his countrymen and brethren in the Faith could live, he could do the same. With "joyful heart" he left Toronto. The last twenty-four miles were made with a horse and wagon, after 2 o'clock, P. M., in part, as darkness came on, through gloomy forests, until at last, weary from the journey, wet and cold from the rain which fell during the whole way, they arrived at Thorne Centre. Here stands a log-church, erected twelve years ago, and opposite, the parsonage. About twenty years ago the first settlers came to this region from the Province of Prussia. At present over forty families reside there. On Saturday the pastor keeps a German School, which is well attended. Instruction is imparted in the Catechism, Biblical History, and German. Sunday School is also held. Since Easter his wife, during two days of the week, instructs the smaller children in reading, writing, etc. To the Rev. Mr. Brezing, the Mission-president of the Synod, he writes: "I have preached here forty-four times, and each time the church was well attended. Even in the most disagreeable weather, generally only those were absent who live from five to seven miles away in the forest. Only once, during the Passion season, was I obliged to omit a service on a Friday evening, because the snow had made all roads impassable. Our church edifice has become too small, so that it will probably have to be altered soon; for, notwithstanding the fact that benches and chairs are brought, many have to sit on the steps of the altar and in its rear. Forty-three families belong to the congregation. Two families who were formerly Methodists, have come over to our Lutheran church, so that now all the Germans in Thorne and who love God's Word, belong to this congregation."

Admaston is twenty-five miles away. Here nine families belong to the congregation, which, as yet, has no church edifice, but conducts its worship in the English school house.

In *Renfrew* he preached three times, and it is hoped that five or six families will there unite and form a congregation.

Besides this, his own mission station, as no pastor was found for the field, Rev. Mr. Langholz also supplied the

Denbigh Mission. This consists of three congregations, Denbigh, Sebastopol and Plevna, all in Ontario. Concerning this field he writes: "In Denbigh I was seven times. Twice, when not far from

Denbigh, I was obliged to return, as it was impossible to get through the snow-drifts." During the summer even the roads to Denbigh are almost impassable for vehicles, but in winter they are worse still. On one occasion it took him over three hours to progress one mile. To this comes the terrible cold, which penetrates everything. Twenty families belong to the congregation. A church is to be erected. For it, and for a parsonage, an acre of ground has been presented.

Sebastopol lies twenty-six miles from Thorne Centre. The congregation numbers twelve families, but is very poor and has, as yet, no church. Rev. Langholz preached here eight times and confirmed seven persons. On a certain occasion during the winter when he was to preach in the school house, no one was in attendance on account of the deep snow. When about to return, two people came across the fields. These had left their homes before sunrise and now, at twelve o'clock, noon, they reached the church.

Plevna, twenty-three miles south of Denbigh, numbers ten families, mostly from Pommerania. The services are held in a public hall. All come and thankfully hear the Word of God. When the congregation was organized, a woman eighty-four years of age was present. Although so old, she had *walked four miles* in order, for the first time since her arrival in America, to hear a sermon and with heartfelt joy and child-like gratitude to partake of the Holy Sacrament of the Altar, administered according to the Lutheran faith. We thank the Lord that recently, in the person of Rev. F. Nitardy, we were able to send Synod a pastor for this charge. On the 9th of September he was ordained, and on the 10th he departed for his field of labor. His address is Denbigh, Addington county, Ontario.

Rev. Mr. Neudorffer, besides his congregation in Zurich, also supplied the Hullett Mission.

II. MICHIGAN.

Rev. Fr Menke, the traveling missionary of this Synod, who resides at Windsor, not only served this place, West Branch and Sterling in rotation, but also extended his efforts to two new fields, Gaylord and Pilmanagh.

Gaylord lies forty-two miles north of Roscommon, and is the place from which, last year, we received such earnest requests for the visit of a pastor.

Pilmanagh is situated seven miles south of Windsor.

Caro was also visited and served by him as often as possible. At four places he taught school, imparted catechetical instruction and

confirmed 17 young persons. The field requires extended journeys and fatiguing foot-tours of from twelve to sixteen miles in length. But the Lord has hitherto granted health and strength to the missionary, and He will continue to sustain His faithful servant. In supporting this missionary, Synod contributed $247.50.

South Haven was served by Rev. B. Merz. The members of this congregation, twenty-five in number, reside, some in the city and some from five to eight miles south of it. Without assistance from abroad they have erected a neat little church, 20x30 feet, seven miles south of the city. The pastor preached every Sunday in both places. He also taught a parochial school. Recently Pastor Merz has been called to Reed City, and this charge is now vacant.

At *Reed City* a new church edifice, 30x56 feet, with a tower, was erected on beautiful rising ground within the city. Towards its erection Synod contributed $378. Rev. B. Merz has recently taken charge, as the former pastor, Rev. Mr. Bleibtreu, has left the Synod.

For *Lapeer*, Synod received the Rev. F. Motzkuz. Years ago this region was visited with a view to establishing Mission Stations, but no great results were attained. During the last few years new immigrants have settled here, so that with the Lord's help the prospects for success are greater now than formerly.

Besides the contributions sent to your Committee, the Michigan Synod expended the sum of $925.50 for these missions.

It is a cause for regret that Synod has lost four congregations during the year, because it was impossible to supply them with ministers.

III. TEXAS.

Rev. H. Merz was until recently our traveling missionary in the State of Texas. In future he will serve only the congregation at Austin, the capital. The Synod has secured the Rev. C. Kreuzenstein, of Seguin, to continue the work so energetically begun by Pastor Merz.

New Baden in Robertson county, Rockdale in Milam county, and Bartlett in Williamson county, were regularly served with the Word and Sacraments by Rev. J. Glatzle. In Bartlett, where Pastor Glatzle resides, he teaches school five days in the week, and preaches every two weeks. At the other two stations he preaches once a month. Bartlett numbers sixteen families; Rockdale, twenty-three; New Baden, twenty-one. At Bartlett he confirmed four, baptized three; Rockdale, confirmed twelve, baptized two; New Baden, confirmed nine, baptized two. Since the early part of September, 1884, the latter place is served by a preacher of the "United" Church.

These people had made the congregation the enticing offer to furnish them a preacher who could at the same time give English instruction in the school; to pay his salary out of their mission treasury, and to contribute several hundred dollars toward the erection of a church edifice. This was an offer,which the congregation, notwithstanding the earnest entreaties of our missionary, was not able to withstand; especially as we were not at that moment in a condition to furnish either money for a church or a suitable pastor and teacher.

In *Bartlett*, where there are but three Methodist families, a Methodist church is to be erected in expectation of fishing among the Lutherans in course of time. These denominations put forth every effort to get congregations.

The congregation at *Bethlehem* (Greenvine), Washington county, has secured a new church, and was served every two weeks by pastors Huber and Graul.

St. Martin's Church, at Austin, numbering fifty members, was incorporated during the year, and regularly served with the preached Word. The average attendance has been good. Divine service continues to be held in the Swedish Lutheran church. The Sunday School numbers from seventy to eighty scholars, with six teachers. On Whitmonday, Pastor Merz confirmed ten young persons, among whom was his own son, and a blind boy, baptized by him, seventeen years ago, who is now in the Institution for the Blind, at Austin. This was the first *German* Evangelical Lutheran confirmation ever held in the capital of Texas.

In the immediate vicinity of the State capitol, the congregation has secured and paid for a valuable lot of ground, 46x128 feet. The cost was $1,600. The plans for a church 36x58 feet are completed, but the means for carrying them out are wanting. Pastor Merz writes: "It is beyond all question, if the mission of our church in Austin is to be successful and permanent the erection of a church must be decided ere long. For three full months we had no rain, the streets were covered with dust to the depth of six inches, and the sun burned down upon us like fire. In this state of affairs we with our children had to meet between one and three o'clock P. M., for Sunday School and divine service, because it was impossible to have the use of the church in the morning. This was a trying time. Our harvests were a failure, business lags, everybody complains. Under such circumstances we are to try to secure funds for the erection of a church! And yet in other respects this would be a most favorable time to build, because many hands are waiting

for work, lumber has declined in price from $20 to $16 per thousand feet, brick from $12 to $7 per thousand. Are we really to be compelled to let all this pass by without making use of the opportunity? The Methodists are about to erect a new church. And our Church, which for twenty years has here left her children without churchly care, has she no means with which to make up for past neglect? Amid labors and prayers we hope and wait until help comes. Our help comes from the Lord, but through the instrumentality of men who bear His name. And thus we hope that the many friends and lovers of our church, in proportion to the means which God has granted them, will help us to complete the work."

At *North Grape Creek*, on November 9, 1883, St. Paul's church was organized, on the basis of the General Council's constitution for congregations, and Rev. M. Haag called to the pastorate. Since then a church 25x40 feet, with a steeple forty feet high, has been erected, and the second Sunday after Trinity witnessed its dedication.

In the month of December we sent Rev. R. Fiedler to Texas, and on January 13th he took charge at *Fredericksburg*. His predecessor, Rev. K. Weiss, having made preparations and collected funds for the renovation of the church erected thirty years ago, the work was undertaken this year, and on the thirteenth Sunday after Trinity the Revs. Haag, Letterman and Fiedler were able to dedicate the renovated church. A choir has been organized and a portion of the beautiful liturgy of our dear church introduced.

During the month of June we were able to send the Rev. W. Hummel to this State. In *Castroville* he found a field in which he has gained the confidence of his flock, and is now energetically engaged in the work.

A few weeks ago we also sent thither Mr. Francis Weisskopf, from Hermannsburg, who will be ordained and assigned a field of labor.

All the above Synods are urgent in their requests for more laborers in the Lord's vineyard.

IV. NEBRASKA.

Your committee put forth repeated efforts to obtain a suitable pastor for the dear people in this State who had appealed to us and were waiting with such remarkable patience. Correspondence was carried on with at least four different pastors, in the hope, which seemed well founded, that they could be secured for this field. At last we are able to send out the Rev. J. Deguisne, and our earnest prayer is that the Lord will endow him with His spirit and let His blessing rest abundantly upon his work.

In the *New York Ministerium* the pastors Stoldt, Baetz, Reissig and Combe continue to be actively engaged in the congregations they served last year. At the last meeting of the Synod, Mr. Braun, one of our students, was ordained to the ministry and now serves the congregation at Henrietta, near Rochester, New York.

In the *Pittsburgh Synod*, Rev. J. G. Amschler continues pastor at Freeport and Larone.

The *Pennsylvania Synod* ordained Mr. N. Auder, who last year studied with Rev. J. A. Darmstaetter, at Columbia, Pennsylvania. He has become the assistant of Rev. J. J. Kuendig, at Reading, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Mr. Horak continues his labors among the Slavonians in the coal regions of the State.

Students.—We have one student in Philadelphia who is supported by the New York Ministerium; one at Mendota, two at Hermannsburg, and two at Thiel College. For the latter two the Ministerium of Pennsylvania will in future furnish the necessary support. One of our students is the assistant of Rev. S. Klingmann, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, under whose supervision he continues his studies. Mr. Langner, with the consent of the committee, has gone to the University at Erlangen, Germany, in order to complete his studies under the guidance of Prof. von Zezschwitz. His expenses are borne by his friends and not by the Committee.

OUR INSTITUTION AT KROPP, GERMANY.

This institution, by the blessing of the Lord, has enjoyed abundant prosperity during the year. The number of students has increased to forty-three. To accommodate them it became necessary to turn a barn into a dwelling. As the institution has become too small, Pastor Paulsen contemplates its enlargement. He says: "Immediately adjoining our institution is a beautiful property, the buildings of which, if we could secure it, are adapted to our needs. Should the Lord at any time give a special blessing to any one in America we will not become displeased with him if he also thinks of us, and remembers the words: 'Give and it shall be given unto you.'" The annual examination began March 10th and was concluded April 3d. The result was very satisfactory. By Easter, 1885, the first graduates can be sent us, and thereafter we may expect an annual supply of well-educated young men.

A dwelling for the Director was erected and completed during the summer. Necessity compelled this course, as he could

not continue in the unsatisfactory and inconvenient quarters occupied by him heretofore. Great anxiety was caused by the serious illness of the matron, who is so well qualified for her position, and whose place it would be very difficult to fill. The Lord, however, has in mercy spared her life, and hopes are entertained that she will soon be able to resume her post.

Pastor Paulsen requests us not to forget him, but to sustain him with our prayers and contributions, and then adds: "The Lord strengthen our hands and help us, that we may be able to send to our brethren in the faith men who will work and labor in the power of His spirit." Rev. Mr. Petersen, a member of your committee, recently visited Kropp, and expresses himself highly delighted with what he saw and heard,and with the thoroughness of the instruction imparted there.

Our *Treasurer* has received gifts of love for our work amounting to $5,452.96. The expenditures were $5,389.93. Balance in treasury, $63.03. For this blessing we render most hearty thanks to the Lord.

Of *Siloah* 8,000 copies were issued during the year. The receipts to October 1st were $798.16. Expenditures, among which were $100 surplus into our mission treasury, $687.35, leaving a balance on hand of $110.81. Quite a number of subscriptions remain unpaid, and we hope that payment will not be delayed much longer.

The Rev. C. G. Fischer deserves our sincerest gratitude for his kindness in gratuitiously performing the duties of the agency, and presenting his salary of $25 to our mission-work.

Our God has accompanied our efforts during the past year with His blessing. In His name let us continue to pray and labor; and may He grant unto us all to be faithful unto death.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

The session was closed with prayer by Rev. A. Richter.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Council was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Mr. Deindorfer.

The roll was called and the minutes of the previous session read and approved.

The order of business was the Form of Baptism presented by the Church Book Committee.

The first item had reference to the Rubric, permitting the sign of the cross at the administration of Baptism at the discretion of the administrator. Quite a lengthy and animated discussion ensued, which was conducted with spirit and earnestness, and yet with brotherly kindness. Finally, after various propositions it was unanimously

Resolved, That the Church Book Committee be requested to amend the Rubric as printed by prefixing a clause expressing," where it is customary, or where it is desired by those presenting the child for baptism," etc.

The Rubric so amended was then adopted.

The first Collect was adopted, leaving out the name of the child.

The second Collect was adopted.

The form of reference to St. Mark 10:14 was adopted.

The Rubric concerning the laying on of hands during the Lord's Prayer was adopted.

The Lord's Prayer with the Doxology was adopted.

The sentence following the Lord's Prayer was adopted.

The Rubric preceding the questions was adopted.

The Auditing Committee here presented a report which was received and adopted, as follows:

We have examined the books and accounts of the Foreign Mission Committee, Missionsbote, and Foreign Missionary, together with the General Expense account, and find the same correct.

W. HAUFF,
A. G. SAEGER.
N. CONRAD.

Monroe, Michigan, October 17, 1884.

It was resolved that a session be held this evening at 7:30, to continue the examination of the Liturgical Forms.

Adjournment with prayer by Rev. E. Carlson.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 1:30 P. M.

The session was opened with devotional services conducted by Rev. R. Hill.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The German Committee of Home Missions presented the report of the Treasurer of the Committee, which was received and given to an auditing committee, consisting of Messrs. W. A. Schmitthenner, C. B. Opp and A. W. Potteiger.

Report of the Treasurer of German Home Missions.

RECEIPTS.

To	Balance from last year	$ 37 70	
	Surplus from Siloah of last year	100 00	
	From congregations and friends of the Mission as receipted for in *Siloah*	5,114 86	
	Special (Siloah)	40	
	For the erection of a church at Austin, Texas	150 00	
	From a German legacy, through Dr. Seiss	50 00	
	Total		$ 5,452 96

EXPENDITURES.

By	paid for students in this country (Muller, Braun, Langner, Auder, Glatzert, Lamerdin, Lemster	455 25	
	Printing Mission report	53 50	
	Clothing for a student	22 07	
	Boarding and washing for same	10 00	
	Traveling expenses of candidate Fiedler	47 00	
	Freight, duty, etc., on boxes from Rev. Paulsen	19 00	
	Students at Hermannsburg	350 00	
	Traveling expenses of Mr. Weisskopf from Hermannsburg	45 00	
	Further expenditures for same	43 95	
	Paid for Seminary building at Kropp	1,000 00	
	Printing and mailing special appeal for aid, postal cards, etc.	56 56	
	Paid for support of students at Kropp	600 00	
	Traveling expenses Rev. W. Hummel	50 00	
	Transfer of trunks, boarding, etc., of candidates	28 60	
	Salaries of Professors at Kropp	1,000 00	
	Church erection at Austin, Texas	150 00	
	Paid Baron Von Maltzahn, traveling expenses for a candidate for the ministry	77 00	
	Paid same candidate traveling expenses here	12 00	
	For the support of students in Kropp	435 00	
	Traveling missionary in Texas	300 00	
	Special gifts for institution at Kropp	460 00	
	For traveling missionary in Nebraska	175 00	
			5,389 93
	Balance in Treasury		63 03

Reading, Pa., October 10, 1884. J. J. KUENDIG, *Treasurer.*

Resolved, That hereafter all the Home Mission Committees and the Emigrant Mission Committee be requested to audit their own accounts.

Resolved, That the treasurers of the different committees be authorized to prepare abstracts of their accounts, subject to the approval of the committees, for publication in the minutes.

The Scandinavian Home Mission Committee presented its report which was received and is as follows, to wit:

Report of the Committee on Home Missions of the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod.

"The kingdom of God is at hand, repent ye and believe the Gospel."

It was at the early dawn of the New Testament, that this glad news, this earnest preaching, was heard in the desert of Juda, on the plains and lake-shores of Galilee. This watchman's cry has signalized every new period of awakening life and progress in the Church of Christ, and contains the fundamental principles of a successful mission and church work.

The faithful and earnest preaching of the kingdom of God, of repentance and faith, has always been the harbinger of a new fullness of the time. Therefore, we want the kingdom, with its divine word and holy sacraments, its confessions, orders and regulations, but we want, we need repentance and faith, the change of heart, the justifying, self-denying and triumphing faith—not the kingdom without repentance, and not repentance without the kingdom, but both in a true and vital unity, and then we will have the stability and firmness of the visible, and the life and motion of the invisible church, and our labor in the Lord shall not be in vain, but rich in results.

The mission work of the Augustana Synod increases in width and importance every year.

In San Francisco, California, the work has been continued by our faithful missionary, Rev. J. Telleen, and under trials and prayers richly blessed by the Lord. Last winter suitable church lots on one of the principal streets were purchased for the sum of $10,500, on which a church edifice 80x40 feet, with a steeple 100 feet high, has since been erected. On account of lack of means the work on the church was suspended, after the building had been enclosed and the basement finished for use. It was a day of great rejoicing when the congregation could move into the basement, now used for holding divine services and for Sunday School. The building will be finished some time next year, or as soon as money may be procured. This church will also be the cradle of the English Lutheran Church in San Francisco. Sunday School and divine services are held in the English language every Sunday by Rev. Luther M. Weicksell. At the last communion twenty new members were received, and the membership of the congregation now numbers 240, of which 150 are communicants.

There are other places in California, white, all ready to harvest,

but we have not as yet been able to find any laborers for these ripe and inviting fields.

In Oregon our mission churches are prospering, both at Astoria and Portland, under the faithful labor of our missionaries, Rev. J. Hoikka, at the former, and Rev. J. W. Skans, at the latter place.

In Washington Territory, where we had no settled minister last year, we have now two, Rev. L. O. Lindt, at Vancouver, having there organized a congregation of twenty-eight members, and Rev. G. A. Anderson, ordained at the late meeting of our Synod, and stationed at New Tacoma, on Puget Sound. Here a new church has been erected and everything is promising. Rev. Anderson has also under his charge the congregation at Skagit, and twice a month visits Seattle, a growing and interesting city, where two lots for a church have been bought at the high price of $3,400, and paid for.

At Cordelia, near Moscow, Nez Perces county, Idaho Territory, a new church has been erected and finished. Rev. P. Carlson, who has his home at this place, is most of the time on the wide mission field in Oregon, and in Washington and Idaho Territories. He labored in the congregations and mission stations around Puget Sound, until Rev. G. A. Anderson arrived there in July. Since that time he has been in Coos county, in the southwest part of Oregon, where, at Marshfield, a congregation of fifty-six communicants, mostly Finns, has lately been organized.

The work among our destitute Finnish brethren begins to look a little more encouraging. A Finnish Lutheran congregation, consisting of 100 communicants, has been organized at Astoria and received into our Synod. It has also built a church of its own. At this place we have now two churches, one Swedish and one Finnish.

The Finnish congregation at Ashtabula, Ohio, has, during last summer, been served by a student, J. W. Laedhe, who is a graduate of Helsingfors, Finland, and lately arrived from Sweden. He has also organized another Finnish Lutheran congregation, with fifty communicants, at Burton, Geauga county, Ohio.

Rev. Alexander Malmstrom labors, since last July, among the thousands of Finns scattered in the mines and forests of northern Michigan.

About the English missions in connection with the Augustana Synod, I need not say anything in this report, as the English Home Mission Committee will bring this important and interesting subject before the council.

I will only add, that we rejoice in the progress and prosperity of the English Missions, already commenced, and should be glad to see new fields taken up in other places, especially in Iowa and Illinois,

because, if the General Council neglect this work, others will step in and occupy the field.

For the Immigrant Mission our Synod has done all in its power, although by far not all what we ought to do. Besides Mr. A. B. Lilja, who works also as the General Council's missionary at Castle Garden, New York, Illinois Conference has called and supported Mr. C. A. Landfors at Chicago, where he has his hands full all the year round.

During the summer months, when immigration is largest, the Minnesota Conference employs two immigrant missionaries, one at St. Paul and one at Minneapolis, and the Kansas Conference likewise two, one at Omaha and one at Kansas City.

These missionaries labor among the immigrants, not only by distributing tracts, holding religious meetings and giving advice, but they are provided with means to relieve the most destitute with food and medicine, and, in some cases, with transportation. This immigrant mission has proved a great help and blessing to our poor and needy immigrants, who come as strangers in a strange land.

For the Seamen's Mission our Synod has been able to do very little. Rev. C. J. Petri, in Philadelphia, and Rev. A. Rodell, in Brooklyn, have done something in this direction. In San Francisco, California, a seaman's missionary, Mr. J. A. Levin, is appointed, and the Synod has resolved to ask our mother church of Sweden to help us with this, the Seamen's Mission.

For the mission in Utah our Synod has not succeeded in finding a missionary, since Prof. Hill left Salt Lake City. But we *will* not and *cannot* give up this mission. We have there a great door opened before us. In order to keep up the mission, we have sent some of our pastors for three or six months to continue the work. We need two men there, and pray that God will give them to us and this mission. On the lots we bought here last year, which are located almost in the center of the city, we intend to erect a church, with school house and a parsonage next spring. By the help of God, this mission must be carried on and succeed.

The greatest part of our mission work is done by the respective conferences, and is executed in four different ways. First, the conferences or their mission committees appropriate toward the support of pastors in small and new congregations from $100 upward to $400. Secondly, they send persons who are called as traveling missionaries, and pay them full salary and traveling expenses. Thirdly, they call pastors, who have small charges, for two or three months, and pay expenses and wages. Fourthly, in many instances almost every pastor devotes one month a year to the visiting of vacant congregations and mission fields.

This work is so extensive that it is impossible to comprehend it in a report like this, though it would be very interesting to see what the Synod has done in and through its Conferences.

A short summary of the contributions during last year may here be presented

In the Respective Conferences.	Congregations	Contributions to						Other Outlays of the Congregations.
		Conference Treasury	Synod Treasury	Augustana College and Seminary.	Home Mission	Foreign Mis'n.	Other Benevolent Purposes	
Illinois Conference	100	$ 64.23	$266.45	$3,739.75	$2,457.03	$1,241,26	$9,716.04	$152 839.14
Minnesota Conference	159	59.81	94.67	2,255.78	2,938.78	353.97	6,190.84	112,729.99
Iowa Conference	51	23.07	52.45	1,032.53	812.33	305.40	5,516.79	39,996.67
Kansas Conference	66	84.73	33.36	1,742.07	1,553.80	448.26	5,895.76	66,815.34
N. Y. Conference	43	76.87	51.55	584.41	593.97	209.67	4,311.07	50,724 94
Missions—Congregation.	9	-------	6.50	39.25	196.15	---------	148.85	2,905.71
Total	428	$308.71	$504.98	$9,393.79	$8,552.06	$2,558,56	31,779.35	$426,011.79

The grand total Contributions $479,109 24

May God grant us His Holy Spirit, and bless us and our labor in the Lord.

Erl. Carlsson,

Chairman Aug. Synod's Mission Com.

Andover, Illinois, Oct. 14, 1884.

Resolved, That all the Home Mission reports be referred to a special committee, outside of the mission committees, who shall bring in some suitable notice of the whole work, and recommend appropriate action to be taken by the Council.

The chair appointed the following as the committee: Revs. G. C. Berkemeier, J. W. Early, Prof. Bauman, and Messrs. Pearson and Sperling.

The Immigrant Mission presented their report, which was received, as follows:

Report of the Immigrant Mission Committee.

To the venerable the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America:

In presenting the following documents,

1. Report of the German missionary, Rev. W. Berkemeier,
2. Report of the Swedish missionary, Mr. A. B. Lilja,
3. Report of the Treasurer, Mr. John Moeller,

we have the pleasure to add that the work of our Immigrant Mission, during the past year, has been going on under the Lord's blessing.

The previously existing difficulty, to provide for our portion of the salary of the Swedish missionary, has been obviated by the efforts of Mr. A. B. Lilja in collecting the sum of $458.95 among the friends of the work.

In the expectation that the same channels may remain open in the future, we believe that our mission treasury will be able to provide for its necessities.

The report of the missionary, W. Berkemeier, embraces the existence and work of the "Immigrant House" and the "Immigrant Mission" at the same time.

We are in hopes that the additional building in course of erection will give a new impulse to our whole mission work, but it is desirable that the building debt of nearly $16,000 may be cancelled as speedily as possible by special gifts.

October 1, 1883, Cash balance	$ 83 44	
Receipts during the year for the missions and for the poor fund	2060 78	
		$2,144 22
Disbursements during the year		$1,862 00
Balance remaining in treasury for Immigrant Mission	204 75	
For poor Immigrants	77 47	
		$ 282 22

We learn with great satisfaction that the debt due the former missionary, Neumann, has been liquidated by the Treasurer of the General Council.

Respectfully,

J. H. BADEN, *President.*
W. HAUFF, *Secretary.*

The Immigrant Mission House Association presented their report as follows:

Report of the German Missionary, W. Berkemeier, of the Immigrant House Mission from Oct., 1883, to Oct., 1884.

To the Reverend General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America:

On October 31, 1883, we celebrated the tenth anniversary of the establishment of our Immigrant House and its mission by rendering grateful praise to God for the faithful help his merciful hand has unwaveringly bestowed upon us from that hour to this. That our mission, connected with the Immigrant House, has not only been firmly established, but is also exerting a widespread influence for good, is

a fact that can no longer be called in question. Thousands, yea, tens of thousands of immigrants can now, on their arrival in the city of New York, enjoy the care and protection of a Christian Inn, instead of having to resort as formerly to places of bad repute and full of danger. In addition to this, they, being thus collected and brought into direct connection with our missionary activity, afford the missionaryan opportunity to labor among them without hindrance or molestation.

I herewith take the liberty to direct especial attention to the statistics of our work during the last ten years, as prepared and read on the day of our anniversary.

Our German Evangelical Lutheran Immigrant House was solemnly dedicated and opened on the festival of the Reformation, October 31, 1873, and to-day, on the very eve of the four hundredth jubilee of Luther's birth, we are permitted to celebrate its tenth anniversary.

Such a celebration is esteemed both right and proper, in view of the divine blessing that has ever attended our work. And we hereby offer our most heartfelt thanks to all the friends and patrons of our Immigrant House, who, with their sincere approval, their prayers and their willing offerings, have aided in making the undertaking such a decided success. It is true, what we present are only simple figures, still they give evidence of the happy results we have been enabled to accomplish.

The Immigrant House during these ten years furnished board and lodging to guests numbering		69,989
Among these the poor, who received board, and, in some instances, also lodging, gratis, numbered		16,631
Voluntary contributions received for the Immigrant House	$	8,934 19
For the poor		2,955 09
For the Immigrant Mission		5,088 38
In letters we received		15,967 00
In moneys deposited with us by immigrants for safe keeping		97,221 92
Our mortgage debt on October 31, 1883, amounted to		19,000 00
But is now reduced to		6,000 00

That in our business transactions we were enabled to live up to the motto of our house: "for the protection and welfare of emigrants and immigrants," and also by our daily morning and evening devotions, and our Sunday service, make suitable provisions for the temporal and spiritual wants of our pilgrims,—for this we return our devout thanks to God. May the beauty of the Lord continue to be upon us, and establish the work of our hands; yea, the work of our hands, establish Thou it.

We have also been permitted during the last, the eleventh year of the existence of our house, to carry on our work in our accustomed way. We always, immediately upon their arrival, received the immigrants directed to our care, at the very portal (Castle Garden), endeavoring at the same time, to render such services to others as we were able. Those desirous to put up at our house were conducted thither by our agent, and once there, they were sure of a kind reception and comfortable accommodations at the hands of our householder, till under our direction they were assisted to the proper place for the proper continuance of their journey. The 15,750 travelers who stopped with us, were, with their baggage, so thoroughly protected that not one of them fell into the hands of swindlers. I do not recollect of a single instance of one of our guests having, during the whole year, sustained a loss through the fault of the house, whilst there were no less than 3,495 poor people supplied with board and lodging, as well as money, to aid them in the further prosecution of their journey. A considerable amount of money belonging to Immigrants was also entrusted to our care for safe keeping.

In addition to these external services, we were no less solicitous for their spiritual good, welcoming them in the name of the Lord, and his Church, and, where necessity called for it, administering to them, either privately or during our public worship, such words of admonition and consolation as they needed ; affording to all an opportunity to thank God for their safe passage across the ocean, and intreating them to connect themselves anew with His church in this land and serve Him in sincerity and in truth. Almost all the emigrants, with the exception of three per cent., went to the West, and we supplied many with letters of recommendation to the pastors residing at their several places of destination. Thousands of copies of Lutheran newspapers, almanacs, periodicals, books, tracts, have been distributed among them in Castle Garden and at the house.

Brother Lilja, the efficient Swedish emigrant missionary, continues his labors in loving and peaceful harmony with us. He received, during the year, several large bodies of immigrants, whom he brought to our house and upon whom he bestowed the necessary care. On such occasions our chapel, being filled with a mixed audience, we delivered addresses in Swedish and German, and united in singing "A mighty fortress is our God," to the same choral, each nationality using its own language. It would be very desirable if, as has already been remarked on a former occasion, our pastors in Sweden could be induced to take a deeper interest in this work, by supplying their emigrating parishioners with the necessary letters of recommenda-

tion. Brother Lilja would in such case be brought into closer contact with his countrymen, which would greatly enlarge the sphere of his usefulness and enable him to labor with increasing success.

The Danish immigrant missionary, the Rev. R. Anderson, who is faithfully laboring for his emigrating countrymen, is also closely connected with our mission,bringing those directed to him to our house, and taking every opportunity to preach to them, in our chapel, the Word of God. May our united and fraternal efforts in behalf of the Immigrant Mission tend, with the blessing of God,to pave the way to a union of the Danish Lutheran Church in America with the General Council. Pastor R. Anderson has recently written and published a very valuable book in favor of the Immigrant Mission, under the titie of "The Emigrant Mission."

One great difficulty under which we have hitherto labored and which, to our regret, has not a little interfered with our usefulness, *is now being removed.* We were sadly in want of room to accommodate the many passengers who applied to us, as well as individual guests who are accustomed to more comfort, in a suitable and satisfactory manner. To remedy this evil the Board of Trustees, after mature deliberation, resolved to erect, and are now engaged in erecting, an addition to the present building. It will be a stately edifice, 28x42 feet, and five stories high, which will not need to be ashamed behind its older comrade. We did not, before undertaking this work, conceal from ourselves the fact that we were running no small risk, especially as we still owed on the old house a debt of $5,000, which the contemplated addition, costing $16,000, would increase to $21,000. However, as already stated, circumstances compelled us to undertake the work. God knows how small and humble the means with which we began the founding of the old house. And if the Lord now bids us to go forward, we can but obey, and only in His name and in believing reliance on His almighty help did we enter upon the work. God willing, we hope to have the addition finished by the end of November. The Lord, who turns the hearts of men as the rivers of water are turned, incline the loving hearts and benevolent hands of many to this work. Perhaps the General Council will pass a resolution, warmly recommending to the pastors in its connection, the raising of a collection in their respective charges for the furtherance of this object. We have set apart the 26th day of November as a general donation day for the liquidation of the debt incurred by our new building. May God bless all who are found willing to remember our arduous work of the Immigrant Mission with their gifts, their love and their active sympathy.

In conclusion we will yet add the following statement: Since experience has taught us that our mission among the immigrants in the the West is productive of the happiest results, when these are formed into colonies, we cheerfully accepted the invitation of the "Lincoln Land Company, at Highland, Kentucky," to establish a mission there. During the last year some twenty Lutheran families have removed from our house to that place, and we recently succeeded in engaging the services of a worthy young brother, the candidate, O. Kuhr, from New Dettelsau, for this very important and hopeful field. The land company has offered to erect a church and school house and present them to the mission.

May the Lord our God continue to favor us and prosper the work of our hands. W. BERKEMEIER.

Report of the Swedish Emigrant Missionary, Axel Bernherd Lilja, from October 1, 1883, to October 1, 1884.

To the Emigrant Mission Committee of the General Council:

The mission among the immigrants is very important to the Lutheran church of this country, and we are glad that this mission has been very successful the past year. The General Council acts wisely in looking to the wants of the Lutheran immigrants. As your missionary among the Swedish immigrants, I will now state a few facts and incidents concerning the work among our Lutheran brethren from the old country.

We have made regular visits to Castle Garden at the arrival of vessels and also at other times. The services of a missionary is not only required at the arrivals, but also at the departure of the immigrants, when they need good counsel both concerning temporal and spiritual matters. Tracts and good Lutheran Pamphlets and papers have been distributed. Among these may be mentioned 2,000 copies of the Augustana and Missionary, 1,000 of Bethania, several thousands of "Helsningsordet," and 2,000 tracts sent me from Sweden by Rev. Mr. Ahlberg. I have also availed myself of every opportunity to have a personal and confidential conversation with the immigrants concerning their spiritual wants. Their hearts have been opened by helping them in whatsoever way I have been able. Very few persons realize how much help and counsel the immigrants need, and how the patience of a missionary is tested. Still one feels amply repaid by the gratitude exhibited in words and tears of the immigrants. We do always admonish them to remember the immigrant mission when God blesses them in their labor. I could relate a good many touching scenes of poverty, sickness, despair and help-

lessness, but as you well know that such occurrences are likely to happen daily, there is no necessity for me to describe cases that often would be impossible to portray.

The Augustana Synod sent me some Finnish tracts which I distributed among the Finns, who are Lutherans. It was interesting to observe the respect which some of the Finns showed when they read the tracts and Testament. Taking off their hats, they sat quietly down and studied the contents of the tracts, and one could easily see the good impression made upon the hearts of these northern people, who, although they are subjects to the Czar, are faithful to the Lutheran Church. Our Synod is deeply interested in their welfare. A good number of Scandinavian Mormons pass through Castle Garden on their way to Zion. On account of the missionaries that accompany them, it is nearly impossible to approach these poor souls, but we succeeded at certain times to have a conversation with them. But they are hardened and full of hatred to the Lutherans, and all other churches except their own. They defend polygamy as if it was the greatest virtue. One woman told me that her husband could have as many as five wives if the Lord would give him so many. Although the work among the Mormons seems to be fruitless, we hope that the good seed sown will bear fruit, when they have found out what kind of a Zion there is in Utah. We are glad that our Synod has a mission in the very capital of the modern Sodom, and I never omit to give them the address of our missionary.

As often as it has been convenient I have held services at the Immigrant House, where not a few Scandinavians have stopped on their way to the West, or when they have returned to the fatherland. The house becomes more and more known among the Swedes.

The Augustana Synod recommended the House at its last meeting, and resolved to call attention to it in one of the prominent papers in Sweden. Brother Berkemeier and I have worked together, and more than once found out that united efforts bring about the best results.

We hope that the General Council will be more and more interested in this mission, and that every member of the Lutheran Church will ask himself: What can I do for this mission? and may the answer be such that the treasury of the mission will not lack for means to continue the good work.

"Therefore, may we abound in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Your obedient servant,

AXEL BERNHERD LILJA.

Treasurer's Report of the Immigrant Mission of the Evangelical Lutheran General Council, from October 1, 1883, to October 1, 1884.

1883.				
October 1.	Balance for Immigrant Mission	$ 23 34		
	" " Poor immigrants	60 10		
				$ 83 44
	RECEIPTS FOR IMMIGRANT MISSION.			
	Direct from churches of the N. Y. Ministerium	200 00		
	" " " " " Penn'a "	150 00		
	Collected through A. B. Lilja in churches of the same upon the collection for the Swedish Mission	458 95		
	Direct from churches of the Iowa Synod	57 50		
	" " " " " Pittsburg "	50 00		
	Received from churches and individuals and through church papers	578 94		
				1,489 39
	RECEIPTS FOR POOR IMMIGRANTS.			
	Collections and donations from churches and individuals			571 39
	Total			$2,144 22
	DISBURSEMENTS FOR IMMIGRANT MISSION.			
	Assistance to missionaries and students for traveling to destination and sundries	$124 60		
	Mission books, tracts, pamphlets, prayer books and guides for distribution among immigrants	162 13		
	Traveling expenses for collections	21 25		
	Salary of Rev. W. Berkemeier, missionary (1 year)	600 00		
	Part salary of A. B. Lilja, Swedish missionary	400 00		
				1,307 98
	DISBURSEMENTS FOR POOR IMMIGRANTS.			
	108 cases of assistance to poor immigrants in cash and traveling expenses to their destination	274 62		
	2794 free meals to poor immigrants whilst out of employment	279 40		
				554 02
	Total disbursements			1,862 00
1884.				
October 1.	To balance for immigrant mission	204 75		
	" " " Poor immigrants	77 47		
				282 22
	Total			2,144 22

New York, October 1, 1884.

JOHANN MOLLER, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct,

W. HAUFF,
W. A. SCHMITTHENNER,
Committee.

Resolved, That all these Immigrant Mission reports be referred to a special committee to notice the work and recommend proper action to the Council. The committee consists of Revs. Eberhart, G. A. Bruegel, and Mr. N. Conrad.

The Committee on the President's Report presented the following report, which was received for consideration.

Item 1st was amended and adopted.

Item 2d was adopted.

Item 3d was amended and adopted.

Report was adopted as a whole, as follows:

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your committee would respectfully recommend with reference to

Item I. That in accordance with the suggestion of the President touching the complaints made in regard to the price at which the German Church Book is sold, opportunity be given to any such complainants to be heard when the report of the Publication Committee is presented.

Item II. That the General Council has learned with pleasure of the efforts and success in securing the support of the Swedish immigrant missionary at New York, and that the further support of the same be commended to the liberal assistance of pastors and congregations.

Item III. That the General Council regards the work of the Evangelical Lutheran chaplain at Ward's Island as eminently deserving the liberal support of the pastors and congregations, and that the Council appoint the Executive Committee of the New York Ministerium the committee on the Ward's Island chaplaincy to secure the support of the same, and to report to the General Council. Provided, this General Council shall in no event be held liable for the payment of the salary of any chaplain or chaplains employed at Ward's Island, whether appointed by said committee or by any other authority.

E. Carlsson,
F. J. F. Schantz,
W. A. Schmitthenner.

A verbal report was made by W. H. Staake, Esq., concerning the incorporation of the General Council, to the effect that there are no legal difficulties in the way of incorporation.

Resolved, That the officers of the General Council be instructed to proceed at once to procure the incorporation of this body.

Resolved, That the thanks of the General Council are hereby extended to W. H. Staake, Esq., for his valuable and laborious services in this matter of incorporation.

Resolved, That the Council pay the sum of $90 to defray the traveling expenses of the delegate from the Texas Synod to this convention.

The resolution to hold an evening session at 7:30 was reconsidered.

The time for adjournment having arrived, the session was closed with prayer by Rev. J. B. Rath.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Council was opened with devotional services, conducted by Rev. Prof. H. Gilbert.

The roll was called and the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

It was resolved to proceed with the consideration of the Form of Baptism as presented by the Church Book Committee.

A motion to combine the first three questions into one was adopted.

In the matter of addressing the questions to the child as the subject of baptism, instead of the sponsors, a very thorough doctrinal discussion ensued, after which the motion to adopt the Form as printed, prevailed, and the questions are to be addressed directly to the subject, and answered for infants by those presenting them for baptism.

The following resolution presented by Rev. G. H. Trabert was then unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the Church Book Committee be instructed to insert a sentence addressed to the sponsors, preceding the question, "Dost thou renounce," etc.? explanatory of what is now about to be done.

It was announced that the ladies of Zion's Church, Monroe, very cordially invited the members of the convention to a supper and sociable in the new school house at 5:30 P. M.

On motion the invitation was accepted with thanks.

It was resolved to continue the afternoon session until 5 o'clock.

It was also resolved to hold an evening session to begin at 8 o'clock.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Prof. Roth.

SEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 1:30 P. M.

The convention re-assembled and was opened with religious exercises by Rev. G. W. Mechling.

The minutes were read, corrected and adopted.

The order of business was the Form of Baptism.

The form presented by the Committee, of Three Questions on the Creed, was adopted.

Resolved, That the words "Wilt thou be baptized?" be amended by adding "in the Christian faith."

The Rubric calling for the name of the child was adopted.

The form of the baptismal act was adopted.

The Rubric and the Invocation following were adopted.

The item following the Invocation and the prayer of thanksgiving were adopted.

Rev. E. Belfour offered the following resolution, which occasioned a lengthy discussion, occupying the whole of the afternoon session. Various propositions in the form of amendments and substitutes referring to the duties and obligations of sponsors were offered, but finally the original resolution was adopted as follows, to wit:

Resolved, That the Church Book Committee be instructed to prepare a Rubric to precede the whole Form of Baptism, specifying the qualifications and duties of sponsors, and directing the pastors to inquire into the fitness and willingness of the sponsors to perform those duties.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. G. Larsen.

EIGHTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 8 o'clock P. M.

Session was opened with prayer by Rev. E. Smith. Minutes were read and approved. The order of business was the Form of Baptism.

The last part consisting of the Exhortation and Benediction was adopted.

Resolved, That the further consideration of the Liturgical Forms be postponed until the next convention of the General Council.

Resolved, That the Church Book Committee is hereby instructed to prepare and publish as soon as possible an English translation of the Form for Infant and Adult Baptism, Confirmation and Confession

and Absolution, which have been submitted in the German language, as well as any additional Forms which they may be able to do, to be used provisionally.

The Publication Committee presented its report through Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, as follows:

Report of the Committee for the Publication and Sale of the Books of the General Council.

Your committee would respectfully report concerning the publications as follows:

I. The German Church Book.

A new edition of the large and small sizes of this book was printed during the year. This edition is entirely paid for, and in addition the debt remaining on the book a year ago, has been reduced by $193.68. The treasurer's report contains particulars.

II. The German Catechism.

As a new edition of the German Catechism was issued, and the premium thereon paid in full shortly before the last convention, a sufficient number of copies to supply all demands was on hand.

III. The German Sunday School Book without Music.

It is a source of gratification to your committee to be able to report that after many delays and long waiting, the churches can now be supplied with the German Sunday School book without music. The book, which numbers 306 pages, was prepared during the year and an edition of 2,000 copies issued last week. It contains the alterations ordered by the General Council, and is illustrated with eighty-eight appropriate pictures and ornamental initials. This edition is specially adapted as a beautiful and *useful Christmas present for Sunday School scholars.* The price has been fixed so low that even the poorest school can secure the pretty little book. It is furnished at the following rates: Bound in leather back, with pasteboard covers: Single copies, 25 cents; per dozen, $2.50; per 100, $18; 500 copies, $15 per 100. Bound in muslin, with gilt title on back, and gilt stamp (containing the words, " Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott,") on the side: Single copies, postpaid, 35 cents; per dozen, $3.25; per 100, $23; 500 copies at $19 per 100.

BOOKS NOT YET CONTROLLED BY YOUR COMMITTEE.

IV. The German Sunday School Book with Music.

Last year the sale of 2,000 copies was reported, but, through a misunderstanding, too late to be embodied in the committee's report,

In the year 1882 a debt of $103.49 remained on the book. Deducting from this the premiums on the 2,000 copies, amounting to $100, the debt last year was but $3.49. The estate of the Rev. S. K. Brobst, however, renews a claim of $15, so that the entire amount is $18.49. During the past year 4,000 copies were printed, the premium on which amounts to $200. Deducting $18.49 still due, there remains $181.51, which sum, although the books have not all been sold, was paid to the Treasurer.

V. and VI. The English Sunday School Book, with and without Music.

We learn that 2,019 copies of this book with music have been sold. Premium at 3 cents, $60.57.

Of the book without music 2,500 copies were sold. The premium at $1\frac{4}{5}$ cents, amounts to $45. Total, $106.57.

VII. The English Catechism.

The number of copies reported sold is 512. Premium at $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents, $7.68.

The attempt to secure to the church the entire income from her books, is one which, from its inception, has met with the determined opposition of the parties who have heretofore enjoyed this income. Your committee still fails to control the *German Sunday School Book with Music*, which might produce an income of $150 to $180 per 1000 copies instead of $50, the *English Sunday School Book with Music*, which might yield an equal amount, instead of $30; the *English Sunday School Book without Music*, $100 per 1,000, instead of $18; the *English Catechism*, $100 per 1,000, instead of $15.

During the past year the papers gave evidence, that although something has been gained (it is little enough), the conflict is by no means ended, and that no stone is left unturned to prevent the church from receiving the full income from her publications. Misrepresentation after misrepresentation is made and repeated, in order to lead the church to believe that she will suffer great loss in the attempt to gain what is her due. Your committee believes,

1. That it is practicable to place the publication and sale of *all the books of the church* into the hands of a committee.

3. That as soon as it becomes necessary, an agent, to act under the supervision of the committee, be appointed.

3. That, if possible, such agent may be one of our city missionaries, whose salary could be increased by a few hundred dollars as a compensation for the service rendered. In such case even this expenditure would be of benefit to the church.

[Hitherto our worthy treasurer, Mr. File, has performed this labor without any expense to the church.]

4. By this simple arrangement, the fabled expenditure of enormous sums of money (which we do not possess), is altogether unnecessary.

Your committee cheerfully performs its work without any compensation, even advancing funds without interest, in order to pay off old debts, anxious that all possible benefits should accrue to the church, which in all her institutions and work for the Lord is hampered by the want of funds, and certainly needs the entire income from her rightful property.

The complaint raised against your committee is but another effort to hinder the committee, and to put it on the defensive. The assertion that the dealers are compelled to pay $75 per 100 copies of the "Kirchenbuch," the same amount which they receive, *is not true.* The retail price of the book is $1. From this price your committee allows dealers a reduction of thirty per cent., which we think a fair and liberal allowance.

As our Treasurer has advanced money without interest, for the payment of the old debt due Messrs. Sherman & Co., for the purchase of the plates of the German Catechism, for making the plates of the German Sunday School Book without Music, and for the paper, press-work and binding thereof, and as it is desirable that all publication-funds should pass through the hands of one man, and be included in one report, we respectfully request the General Council to authorize him to receive the premiums from such books as are not yet controlled by your committee.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

Report of the Treasurer of the Publication Committee.

REPORT OF THE KIRCHENBUCH.

EXPENSES.

Cost of printing 1,750 large, 4,500 small,	$636 65	
Binding and forwarding	748 82	
Order book	4 50	
Stamps for binding	44 00	
	1,433 97	
Due J. C. File, October 15, 1883,	393 25	
		$1,827 22

RECEIPTS.

Results of sale, etc., of 909 bound large, 1003 bound small, 200 sheets large, 800 sheets small,	$1,627 65
Due the treasurer	$199 57

COMPARISON OF STOCK.

	Bound large.	Bound small.	Sheets large.	Sheets small.
On hand October 15, '83,	100	200	450	800
Added	1500	1300	1700	4500
Total	1600	1500	2200	5300
Sold	909	1003	Bound 1500	1300
Stock on hand	691	497	700	4000
			Sold 200	800
		Stock on hand	500	3200

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK WITHOUT MUSIC.

For electrotypes	$ 429 80	
Five cases to hold same	6 25	
Cost of printing and paper for 2000 copies	90 00	
Advanced by treasurer		$ 526 05
Debt on Kirchenbuch	$199 57	
German Catechism	9 80	
		209 37
Advanced on Sunday School Book		526 05
Total indebtedness		$735 42

J. C. FILE, *Treasurer.*

The report was received and considered by items.

In reference to Item 1st, it was *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Publication Committee be authorized to receive the premiums on those books not yet under the control of the committee.

Item 2d, in reference to the question asked by the committee, whether the Council is bound to a contract made by a single member of the committee for a definite period, it was resolved to omit this part from the report.

Rev. F. Veit was excused from further attendance on account of sickness in his family. The President requested Rev. Dr. Passavant to lead the Council in prayer in behalf of the brother and the afflicted in his family, with which the Council adjourned.

NINTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1884, 9 o'clock A. M.

The session was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. H. Hunton.

The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

The order of business was the report of the Publication Committee.

Messrs. Potteiger and Opp, of the Pennsylvania Synod's delegation, asked to be excused from further attendance upon the Convention, which was granted.

The motion being made to adopt the report of the Publication Committee as a whole after being amended, an opportunity was given to complainants against the committee to express themselves concerning the operations of the committee, which was done at some length, after which the motion to adopt was carried.

Resolved, That all persons who publish the books of the General Council on which premiums or royalty is paid, shall pay the same to the Treasurer of the Publication Committee every six months, and whenever there is a surplus in his hands, he shall turn it over to the Treasurer of the General Council.

Rev. G. W. Mechling offered the following:

Resolved, That the Vice-Presidents urge upon the District Synods the importance of introducing into all their congregations the use of Church Books, English and German, and other publications of the General Council.

On motion of Rev. H. W. Roth, D. D., the Secretaries were instructed to mention in the minutes the places where the General Council's publications may be obtained.

It was resolved that the English Secretary cast the ballots of the Council for the Publication Committee, which was done, and the former committee declared re-elected, consisting of Revs. F. Wischan, F. W. Weiskotten, and Mr. J. C. File.

On motion of Rev. F. J. F. Schantz the committee was increased to five, and the present committee was authorized to select two additional members, one clerical and one lay, in or near the city of Philadelphia.

The report of the Trustees of the General Council was presented, and its consideration deferred until after the Committee on the Infant Class Hymn Book shall have reported.

Report of the Committee on Infant Class Hymn Book.

Your committee have the honor to report that, with the exception of about half a dozen of the hymns translated from the German, which need still further revision, the manuscript of the Infant Class Hymn Book is ready for the printer.

The book is constructed after the plan outlined by your committee in their report one year ago. An Order of Service, based as far as practicable for use with little children, on the Matin and Vesper service of our Church, has been inserted; together with morning, evening and table prayers for use at home. In the arrangement of

the hymns, the order of the church year has been followed; and additional hymns are given under the following headings: Morning, Evening, The Lord's Day, Opening, Closing, The Church, The Word of God, Baptism, Prayer and Praise, General Hymns, Heaven, Nature, School Festivals, Nursery.

The committee are free to say that they found the task of gathering over one hundred hymns and tunes of real merit, and yet sufficiently simple for use with little children, an exceedingly difficult one. This was especially true with reference to hymns relating to the different seasons of the Church year, the Church, and the Word of God. Whether the committee have succeeded in their task, is now left to the judgment of the church.

In accordance with the instructions of the Council, the manuscript was submitted to the Church Book Committee, at their meeting in Philadelphia, September 15, 1884, and was approved by said Committee.

Its publication will be begun within a few weeks, and it is hoped to place the finished book on the market by about the 1st of February, 1885.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Ohl, M. H. Richards,
F. F. Buermeyer, W. K. Frick,
T. Heilig, C. F. Herrmann.

On motion it was resolved that the committee obtain the copyright for the book in the name of the Trustees of the General Council.

On motion of Rev. S. Laird it was

Resolved, That last year's action be rescinded concerning the publication of this book, by the committee having it in charge, and that the Publication Committee be authorized to publish it.

On motion of Rev. Gerberding, it was resolved that the lines of the first verse of each hymn be published between the parts of the music wherever possible, and the metres be indicated.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. Klingman.

TENTH SESSION.

Tuesday, 1:30 P. M.

The session was opened with religious services conducted by Rev. G. H. Trabert.

Minutes of the former session were read, corrected and approved.

The Report of the Trustees was again taken up and adopted, as follows:

Report of the Trustees of the Council.

ENGLISH SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK.

At the last convention the Trustees were "instructed to endeavor to secure a settlement of all questions with reference to the Sunday School Book, English and German, which may be at issue with the publishers of the same." (See minutes of 1883, page 90.) In pursuance of this duty they held an interview with the Publication Committee of the Council, and the Rev. G. W. Frederick, the publisher of the two editions of the English Sunday School Book, with a view of ascertaining the desires and propositions of both parties to the issue, in order, if possible, to arrive at an amicable adjustment of the difficulties in the case. A final settlement of the matter was not, however, reached at that meeting. Subsequently the Rev. G. W. Frederick submitted in writing a statement of his claim, which is in these words :

"My claim is as follows ; A 'verbal contract' was made with me for both of these books, without limit of time ; and that said 'contract' has been reported to the General Council, accepted and acknowledged on its minutes as a 'contract' with me as the publisher.

I must decline any arrangement for the publication of said books which would prejudice my rights and claims under said 'contract.' Nevertheless as the book is now established, and all expenses for plates discharged, I offer to the Council a reasonable advance on the premium heretofore paid ; say six cents on Sunday School Book, and four cents on the same without music, with the understanding that if the above offer be accepted, that my rights and claims, under the original 'verbal contract' are not prejudiced thereby."

(Signed) G. W. FREDERICK.

Philadelphia, October 13, 1884.

With this statement of the case as far as the Trustees have proceeded in its settlement, we report it to the Council.

The term of office of the Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D D., the Hon. G. W. Overmeyer and W. H. Staake, Esq., expires on the third Monday in November next, and must be filled at this convention.

SAMUEL LAIRD,

Monroe, Michigan, October 20, 1884. *Sec'y of the Trustees.*

Resolved, That without conceding the claims of Rev. G. W. Frederick to a contract with this body, we nevertheless authorize the Trustees of the General Council to accept the proposition for an advanced premium on the Sunday School Books.

Resolved, That the Trustees be requested to ascertain by legal advice and otherwise the extent and validity of the claims of Rev. G. W. Frederick, and report the same at the next convention of this body.

Resolved, That the instructions last year given to the Trustees be re-affirmed, and include also the English Catechism.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to nominate three Trustees, all of them laymen, in or near the city of Philadelphia, to serve in the place of those whose time has expired. The Chair appointed Revs. G. W. Mechling, E. Belfour and Mr. W. A. Schmitthenner.

Rev. M. C. Horine presented the report of the Committee on District Synods.

Resolved, that only those parts be read which require the attention and action of this body.

Report of the Committee on the Minutes of District Synods.

The committee appointed to prepare extracts from the various Synods of the General Council, respectfully offer the following report:

REPORT OF PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

The 137th Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, &c., was held from June 5 to 11, 1884, in St. John's German Evangelical Lutheran Church (Rev. J. Kuendig), at Reading, Pennsylvania. Ministers and Professors belonging to the Synod, 220; present at the meeting, 194. Lay delegates present, 112. Number of congregations connected with the Synod, 387, with 83,773 confirmed members. Parochial schools, 13, with 24 teachers and 1,200 scholars, Number of Sunday schools, 443, with 6,004 teachers and 54,269 scholars. Paid into the Synodical Treasury, $18,831.07. This sum was distributed as follows: Foreign Mission, $2,405.15; Home Mission, $4,939.51; General Council, $3.157.85; Education, $4,712.50; other charitable purposes, $147, 877.74; current expenses of congregations, $216,667.83. The Synod took decided steps to undertake in full earnest the erection of a new building for the Theological Seminary. A suitable lot has been bought and the collections for the purpose have begun.

The Synod has 25 Home Mission stations, nine of which belong to the Philadelphia city mission.

A. German City Missions:

1. Immanuel's Church, in Frankford, Rev. M. Schimpf.
2. St. Thomas, in Germantown, Rev. J. G. R. Wendel.
3. St. Peter's, West Philadelphia, Rev. E. H. Pohle.
4. Trinity, Rev. A. Linsz.

B. English City Missions:

1. Christ Church, Chestnut Hill, Rev. C. J. Hirzel.
2. St. Peter's, Southwark, Rev. E. R. Cassaday.
3. Advent's Church, Richmond, Rev. J. F. C. Fluck.
4. St. Paul's, in n.e. part of the city, Rev. R. M. Zimmermann.
5. Epiphany, Camden, New Jersey, Rev. C. K. Binder.

The other Mission fields are:

1. Millville, Vineland and New Germany in New Jersey—vacant.
2. Hainesport and Riverside, New Jersey, Rev. A. Voigt.
3. Chester, Pennsylvania, vacant.
4. Bangor, Pennsylvania, Rev. E. F. Apple.
5. Weatherly, Pennsylvania, Rev. L. Smith.
6. Pittston, Pennsylvania, Rev. G. A. Struntz.
7. Sand Cut, Pennsylvania, Rev. G. F. Clymer.
8. Scranton, Pennsylvania, Rev. L. M. Zweizig.
9. Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, vacant.
10. Eckley, Rev. J. H. Schmidt.
11. Slavonian Mission, Luzerne county, Pa., Rev. Carl Horak.
12. Girardville, Rev. H. W. Rehrig.
13. St. Clair and Middleport, vacant.
14. Lykens, Rev. M. B. Lenker.
15. Middleburg, Rev. E. W. Reed.
16. Jersey Shore, Rev. S. S. Henry.
17. Germania, Potter county, vacant.

The Executive Committee of the Synod has acted in connection with the German and English Home Mission Committees of the General Council, and has issued a proclamation urging the congregations to throw their churches open to these committees of the General Council, in order that they may receive more and especial gifts.

The Synod will meet next 28th of May, 1885, in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

NEW YORK SYNOD.

The Secretary of the New York Synod having gone to Germany immediately after the meeting of the Ministerium, the printed minutes are not yet out. The papers being in the possession of the Secretary, the President of the Synod was not able to furnish a complete extract of the Synod's proceedings. Only two facts ought just now be brought before the General Council:

1. That the Synod resolved to ask the General Council to edit an official paper. (In order to give an opportunity for that as the Synod has separated their connection with the Herold and Zeitschrift.)

2. The recently founded Pro-Seminary at Rochester, New York, is to be given the sum of $780 promised by individual pastors and congregations. The Pro-Seminary is heartily recommended.

THE PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

This Synod numbers 83 ordained ministers, 75 pastoral charges, 160 congregations and 15,901 communicants; infant baptisms, 1,484; confirmations, 823; additions to congregations by letter 589. The Synod sustains 21 Missions and 8 students who are studying for the ministry; 8 new churches were erected, and 5 corner stones were laid; an additional building for the use of Thiel College was ordered to be built at once. It is to be 75 feet long by 43 feet and three stories high. It will contain a chapel, recitation rooms, students' rooms and society halls. The amount paid into the treasury was $8,049.29, and was distributed as follows: Synodical treasury, $1,456.29; Home Missions, $2,469.15; Education, $1,286.95; Foreign Missions, $266.24; Orphan work, $735.99; Thiel College, $1,834.18; other benevolent objects, $3,577.30; local objects, $68,138.03; aggregating, $79,764.61.

This Synod passed a resolution requesting the General Council to establish a Publication House, to which we direct attention.

This Synod will meet at Delmont, Westmoreland county, Pa., in the charge of Rev. J. N. Myers, August 27 to September 1, 1885.

THE DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

The 28th annual meeting of the District Synod of Ohio, was held in the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Columbus, Ohio, August 27 to September 1, 1884.

This Synod numbers 35 ordained pastors. The number of congregations and Mission Stations is 70. The reports are not full, but we can safely estimate the whole communicant membership at 8,000. This Synod, during the past year, has assisted in sustaining 8 Missions, in the following places: Ada, Columbus, Defiance, Delphos, London, Pawnee, Paulding, Toledo, all located in the populous State of Ohio. The Synod has also aided in the support of 3 students in their preparation for the ministry. The amount appropriated for Missions and beneficiary education is $1,275. This Synod has sustained a sad loss in the death of two of its most aged and respected pastors. Rev. Charles Witmer departed this life at Des Moines,

July 22, 1884, and Rev. J. Wagenhals, the oldest minister on our roll, passed away in Christ and in peace, at his home in Lancaster, Ohio. His name is cherished by many, and his finished work stands a witness of his fidelity.

The next meeting of the District Synod of Ohio will be held in Farmersville, Ohio, in the charge of Rev. A. Poorman, to begin on Wednesday, before the full moon, in August, 1885.

EXTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MICHIGAN SYNOD.

This Synod was organized in 1860, not in 1868.

The annual convention of this Synod was held in Marshall, Calhoun county, Michigan, on October 2–7, A. D. 1884; therefore no printed proceedings and accurate reports of details are at hand.

A part of a scheme for a new constitution for the Synod was put before the convention and approved.

Two pastors—F. Motzkus and Prof. A. Lange—one congregation and one teacher (Bauer) joined the Synod.

Two pastors, Bleibtreu and Buechsenstein, left the Synod, and one well-qualified teacher (Meyer) died in January, 1884.

One small congregation gathered by Bleibtreu was lost, and one united itself with a Synodical congregation from which it was divided before.

The Synod numbers 27 pastors, 7 teachers, who work in its parochial schools (mostly without the pastors), and nearly fifty congregations.

In want of pastors, only four new Mission places could be established and supplied.

Three churches were dedicated and two school-houses will be completed in a short time.

The jubilee of Dr. Luther was held in every congregation.

The funds for invalid pastors, teachers, their widows and orphans, did not prosper. Therefore the pastors and teachers agreed to make new statutes and to pay annually $5 each, instead of $10, as before. Scarcely any of the congregations were willing to contribute to the funds so long as nobody had need of aid.

The next annual convention of this Synod will be held at Adrian, Michigan, on October 16, A. D. 1885.

SWEDISH AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

The 25th annual meeting of the Augustana Synod was held in the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Andover, Henry county, Illinois, June 19–26, 1884. At this meeting 18 young men were

ordained to the ministry, and three English and four Swedish ministers were received as members of the Synod.

There are in this Synod 198 ministers, 428 congregations, 55,990 communicants; the whole membership being 96,543.

For educational purposes the Synod sustains the following institutions and schools, viz: Augustana College and Seminary, at Rock Island, Illinois; Gustavus Adolphus College, at St. Peter, Minnesota; Bethany Academy, at Lindsborg, Kansas; Luther Academy, at Wahoo, Nebraska; 216 parochial schools, and 333 Sunday schools.

At Rock Island a new building, and also two professors' houses at St. Peter, are, during the coming year, to be erected. The ground has already been prepared, the foundation laid and the corner-stone is to be laid this fall. The Rev. G. W. Sandt, of the ministerium of Pennsylvania, has been called as professor in the Institution; he has accepted the call and already entered upon his work.

Each one of the five Conferences in the Synod has its own Orphans' Home, and these are located in the following places, viz: One at Andover, Illinois, one at Vasa, Minnesota, one at Mariedahl, Kansas, one at Stanton, Iowa, and one at Jamestown, New York.

There are two Hospitals, one within the Minnesota Conference, located at St. Paul, and one under the control of the Illinois Conference, by the name of Augustana Hospital, to be located at Chicago or Lake View, but at present Rev. Erl Carlsson's house in Chicago is rented for the purpose.

A Church Extension Society has been organized and was at the last Synodical meeting incorporated in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois.

The statistical report shows the following figures as expenses for benevolent purposes. Augustana College and Seminary $9,393.79; Home Missions, $8,552.06; Foreign Missions, $2,558.56; and other expenditures, $426,011.79.

CANADA SYNOD.

This body held its 24th annual convention in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, in Sebastopol, Perth county, Ontario, from the 21st to 26th of June, 1884. To this Synod belong 20 pastors, 64 congregations, with a communicant membership of 4,600; 47 Sunday schools, with 270 teachers and 2,478 scholars. During the Synodical year $1,648.90 were raised for charitable purposes. Twelve congregations received aid from the Mission fund of Synod. The Synod also supported two students in Thiel College. Three candidates, secured and recommended by the German Home

Mission Committee of the General Council, were ordained. The "Kirchenblatt," the official organ of the Synod, had 800 subscribers, an income of $772.77 and a balance of $69.79. The Synod established a Ministers' Relief Association, adopting a constitution prepared by the committee appointed by the Synod. The first collection for this purpose was taken up at the Luther jubilee and amounted to $248.90. An annual collection is held in the churches on Reformation Day for the "Relief Association," and an annual contribution of $2 paid into the treasury by each pastor of the Synod.

Four pastors and one congregation separated themselves from the Synod and formed an organization, on the 31st of October, 1883, under the title of "The Evangalical Mission Synod of the Augsburg Confession in Canada." One of these four pastors who had separated themselves from the Synod returned and was again restored to membership in this body. Of another one the Synod required a period of probation of six months' duration, which condition, however, was not accepted by him.

Preliminary steps were taken for a complete revision of the whole Synodical constitution, and a committee was appointed for this purpose, to report at the next annual convention.

The Synod has zealously labored and liberally aided in the work of Home and Foreign Missions.

An encouraging increase in membership is observed in the congregations.

The next convention will take place on Wednesday before the full moon, in June, 1885, in the Evangelical Lutheran St. James' Church in North East Hope, Ontario, Rev. J. Strempfer, pastor, *loci.*

GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF TEXAS.

The Synod held its 32d meeting June, 1884, in Trinity Church, Victoria, Texas. Five new congregations have been established during the past year. One of them, St. Martin's Church, in Austin, was received into Synodical membership. Three new laborers were sent into the field, two of them by the German Home Mission Committee. The Synod numbers now 32 pastors, congregations, 29; Missionary Stations, 20; communicants 6,000. Traveling Missionary is at present Rev. C. Kreuzenstein, who entered upon his duties October 1st. In Austin, the capital of Texas, the Synod has a very important field. The newly established congregation there is about to build a house of worship and requests all lovers of Christ's Word to assist her with their prayers and gifts. For the work of Home and Foreign Missions and for other benevolent purposes of our

church, the Synod contributed this year also according to its means. In the minutes of this year's meeting the following resolution passed by the Synod is found:

"*To express the wish that the venerable General Council would consider the German "Lutherische Kirchenblatt" as its organ.*"

If the intended church building in Austin can be completed by next Spring, the 33d meeting of the Synod will very probably be held there about the 3d Sunday after Easter, 1885.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE FROM THE INDIANA SYNOD.

The 14th annual convention of the Indiana Synod was held in Henry county, Indiana, in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, pastor, beginning June 5 and ending June 7, 1884.

Officers for the Ensuing Year.

Rev. George Harter, President.
Rev. S. Wagenhals, Secretary.
Rev. J. C. Barb, Treasurer.
Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, Missionary President.

Suggestions of the Retiring President.

The retiring President, in his report, recommended that the President of the Synod be authorized and instructed to enter into correspondence with all parties concerned, to secure the membership to this Synod of such English pastors and congregations or missions in connection with the General Council, not connected with this Synod, as may be situated in the States of Indiana and Illinois.

This item of the President's report was considered and adopted by Synod.

Home Missions.

The Missionary President presented a lengthy statement of the Home Mission work of Synod during the past year. This report shows work done by various members of the Synod at the following places: Spring Valley, Kansas; Decatur, Illinois; New Columbus, Zionsville and Syracuse, Indiana.

Foreign Missions.

In reference to Foreign Missions, Synod adopted the following resolution:

Resolved—That as a Synod, we would most earnestly commend the cause of Foreign Missions to our congregations and to the individual members of the same, and urge them to contribute to its furtherance both by their prayers and their means.

Accessions to Clerical Roll.

Rev. A. W. Walter, of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, upon presenting a letter of honorable dismission from that body to this, was received as a member of this Synod. Two young men, Bros. Jesse Dunn and M. L. Wagner, were regularly ordained to the office of the ministry

Statistics for the Year Ending June 5, 1884.

The parochial report for the year ending June 5, 1884, shows pastors, 16; pastorates, 16; congregations, 31; communicant members, 2,156; accessions, from sister churches, 29; from other denominations, 13; by confirmation, 53; total, 103. Losses, by death, 20; by removal, 18; by expulsion, 1; total 39. Sunday schools, 15; teachers, 88; scholars 947. Collections, Synodical, $337.95; other objects, $774.55; total, $1,112.50.

Next Convention.

The time designated for the opening of the next convention of the Indiana Synod is Thursday before Trinity Sunday, 1885, and the place chosen is St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Whitestown, Boone county, Indiana.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BARB.

There are only two points to which we need call the attention of this body, namely:

1. The request of the New York and Texas Synods to establish an official Church Paper.

2. The request of the Pittsburg Synod to establish a Publication House.

Inasmuch as the statistics of the various Synods of the General Council are not based upon the same principle, your committee recommends the appointment of a committee to prepare a form for statistical reports, so that these reports to the General Council and to the Synods connected with it may be uniform.

M. C. HORINE, A. RICHTER,
G. H. GERBERDING, J. H. HUNTON,
E. STERLING, H. GILBERT,
P. SJŒBLOM, F. VEIT,
H. MERTZ, J. C. BARB,
S. FRITSCHEL, D. D., *Committee.*

The report was taken up for consideration by items.

Before the adoption of the 1st Item, and in connection with it, a call was made for the report of the Committee on Dr. Mohldenke's letter and the German Church Paper.

Rev. G. A. Hinterleitner presented the report, which was a majority report. Prof. H. Gilbert presented a minority report.

On motion the majority report was taken up for consideration.

Report on Letter of Dr. Mohldenke, Etc.

Your committee, which has received for examination the *letter of Rev. Dr. Mohldenke*, bearing upon the publication of a German church paper, and addressed to the General Council, would offer, after deliberate consideration, the following resolutions:

1. That the letter of Rev. Mohldenke, addressed to the General Council, be read before the body.

2. That we express our gratification in the appearance of the "*Lutherische Kirchenblatt*," its favorable reception and rapid circulation

3. That we fulfill the request of the three German Synods, belonging to this body, viz.: The New York Ministerium, the Michigan and Texas Synods, the request of many other pastors and congregations of other Synods, and publish, as other ecclesiastical bodies of the Lutheran Church in this country, a German church paper.

PH. KRUG,
G. A. HINTERLEITNER,
JOS. SCHAEFER.

The two other members of the Committee, Rev. Prof. Gilbert and Mr. W. Hauff, did not subscribe to this report.

Item 1st, including the reading of Dr. Mohldenke's letter, was adopted.

Item 2d was adopted as far as the sentence ending with the word *circulation.*

For the latter part of Item 2d, the following substitute was adopted:

Resolved, That the General Council heartily approves of the tone and spirit of the "Lutherisches Kirchenblatt," and cheerfully recommends it to all its congregations using the German language, believing that a wide circulation of this paper will do much to edify, unite and instruct the German Lutherans of this country.

In reference to Item 3d, it was

Resolved, to refer the matter to the consideration of all the District Synods, to give expression to their convictions and desires, and report to this body next year.

The other items of the report were stricken out.

A general debate on the propriety of publishing an official organ or organs of the General Council, was indulged in, and the time of adjournment extended to 5 o'clock.

Rev. G. C. Berkemeier offered the following as a substitute for the items stricken out:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to devise a plan for publishing an official organ of the General Council, representing the German, English and Swedish languages, who shall report next year, which was adopted.

Rev. Dr. T. N. Hasselquist was excused from further attendance upon the Convention.

Closed with prayer by Rev. G. C. Berkemeier.

Adjourned to meet at 7:30 P. M.

ELEVENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 7:30 o'clock P. M.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. G. A. Bruegel.

The minutes of the former session were read and approved.

The report on the German Church Paper was now adopted as a whole.

Item 2d in the report of the Committee on District Synods, concerning a publication house, was referred to the Publication Committee.

Item 3d was disposed of by the following, to wit:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a form for statistical and parochial table, that may secure uniformity in these reports from all the Synods and churches.

Rev. E. Carlsson offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the secretaries of the District Synods be requested to send copies of their minutes to the Presidents of the various other Synods in connection with the General Council.

A report was made by Rev. A. Richter concerning the beginning and progress of a German Pro-seminary in Rochester, New York, whereupon the following resolutions were adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the General Council is pleased to hear of the success which the Pro-seminary in Rochester has had thus far, that we approve of the undertaking, invoke the blessing of God upon it, and bid the brethren who have it in charge God speed.

Resolved, That hereafter the German Home Mission Committee, in whose interest the enterprise was started, present a report as to its condition and success.

The Committee on Nomination of Trustees for the General Council presented the names of W. H. Staake, Esq., W. Lehman and A. Bendel.

The German Secretary was ordered by resolution to cast the ballots of the Council for these persons, which was done, and they were declared elected.

Rev. E. Smith presented the report of the Committee on Minutes of last convention, which was received for consideration, as follows:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Last Year.

Your Committee, after carefully examining the minutes of the General Council for 1883, beg leave to direct the attention of this body to the following:

1. On page 60, to the resolution that "this Council heartily approve and sustain the action of the Foreign Mission Committee if they send out another missionary to India during the present year, in addition to Mr. McCready;" also to the resolution, that "this Council will cheerfully second any efforts of the Committee to secure and send out unmarried ladies to labor among the women of our mission field in India; also to the resolution that "the attention of our pastors and churches using the English language, be directed to the English paper, the Foreign Missionary, and that they are earnestly exhorted to labor for its general introduction into the families and Sunday Schools of their congregations."

Queries: Have the efforts spoken of in the first two resolutions been made? If so, with what success? Has the third resolution produced any visible results?

2. On page 86, to the statement that action on the proposition whether or not the changes decided to be made in the German Sunday School Book, shall also be made in the English, was postponed to this meeting.

3. To the recommendation, on page 86, that Drs. Seiss and Schmucker be appointed to meet and confer with a committee of the General Synod South, concerning a Common Service Book for English Lutheran churches.

Query: Did the Committee meet, and is it ready to report?

4. To the item on page 94, numbered 5, that those bodies which are "one in the unreserved acceptance of the confessions of our Church, and have declared their approval of the doctrinal basis of the General Council, be invited to consider whether it is not both possible and eminently to be desired that they should enter into full

union with the General Council by the adoption of its constitution and the sending delegates to its meetings."

Query: Has anything been done? If so, with what result?

No correspondence.

5. On page 95, to the report of last year's Committee on Minutes of the General Council, wherein attention is directed to a resolution concerning the history of the Telugu mission.

Query: Is that desirable history ready?

Respectfully submitted,

ENOCH SMITH,
J. A. BAUMAN,
A. RAMBO.

Item 1st was answered in the report of the Foreign Mission Committee.

Item 2d. *Resolved*, that the change be also made in the English Sunday School Book as in the German.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

Rev. S. Laird presented the report of the Committee on Holston Synod.

Item 1st was adopted. Item 2d was stricken out. Items 3d, 4th and 5th were adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole, including the letter of Rev. Dr. A. J. Brown, to wit:

Report of the Committee on the Communication from the Holston Synod.

The papers placed in the hands of the Committee are a letter from the Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., President of the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod of Tennessee, and an abstract from the minutes of the last convention of that body. The letter of Dr. Brown is as follows:

BLOUNTVILLE, Sullivan Co., Tenn., Oct. 3, 1884.

To the Seventeenth Convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, to be held in Zion's German Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Monroe, Michigan, beginning October 16th, 1884:

Grace be to you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST JESUS.—As President of the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod, I am a delegate *ex-officio* to the

present session of your venerable body. As it was not deemed advisable by the Synod which I represent, owing to the great distance from us of your place of meeting, and the heavy expense of performing so long a journey, for me to attend in person, or to send any other delegate, I address you by letter.

From the abstract of the proceedings of our Synod, which I herewith send you, you will see that an effort is being made to unite our entire Lutheran Church in the South in one general body, upon a strictly Lutheran basis. As stated in the abstract above referred to, our Synod most heartily endorses the movement; and I am glad to say that the indications are favorable for the formation of the proposed union.

Our course in this matter has not been taken because of any dissatisfaction with the General Council, either in its doctrinal basis or its proceedings; but solely because we have thought that thereby we might unite our church *at home*, and *confirm in the faith those who are wavering and prevent them from forming ecclesiastical connections not so thoroughly Lutheran as could be desired, and thus render the divisons of our Southern church, if not permanent, at least of long duration.* God in his providence seems to have prepared the way for the union, and by neglecting or refusing to improve it, we would, in our judgment, incur a fearful responsibility.

Should the contemplated union be consummated it will necessitate the severance of the connection of the Holston Synod with the General Council. As our connection with this body has been on our part harmonious, as well as pleasant and profitable, we desire that our separation from it should be with its *consent* and *approval.*

In view of the fact that the union of our church in the South, might possibly from some cause be defeated, we were not prepared at our recent session to ask an honorable dismission from your venerable body, nor do we in this event desire it. But as it may become necessary for us to take some decisive action before the General Council shall meet again, I would respectfully suggest and ask, that you take such action as in your judgment may be appropriate in the premises. Without presuming to dictate *the form* of that action, we desire that it shall be such as will express *your approval* of the object which we contemplate, and give us the *assurance* of *an honorable dismission* from your body, should it become necessary to ask it.

I hope this matter will receive proper attention at your hands, and that the Corresponding Secretary will be instructed to give me immediate notice of your action, so that we may act intelligently and

without embarrassment at the meeting of the Southern Diet, in November next.

Please excuse my absence from the present meeting of the Council.

Your brother in Christ,

A. J. BROWN,

Pres't of the E. L. H. Synod.

The committee recommend the following action:

Resolved, That while we deeply regret the contemplated severance of the Holston Synod from the General Council, nevertheless in the proposed effort to unite the "entire Lutheran Church of the South in one general body, upon a strictly Lutheran basis," we recognize the inauguration of a movement which, especially in the present condition of affairs in that section of our common country, may result in great good to our beloved church.

Resolved, That in case the holding of the proposed Diet shall issue in the formation of a union of the Southern Synods in one general body, in manner and form as indicated in the letter of Dr. Brown, and request should be formerly made by the Holston Synod for honorable dismission from the General Council, the President be authorized to grant it, for the purpose above stated.

Resolved, That the absence of the President of the Holston Synod from this convention be excused, and that he be assured of the continued interest of the General Council in the body which he represents.

SAMUEL LAIRD,
G. H. TRABERT,
T. H. DIEHL.

Action in Reference to the Death of Missionary Artman.

The Committee on the death of Missionary Artman reported as follows, which was adopted with a rising vote:

Resolved, That we have heard with great sorrow of the death of the Rev. H. G. B. Artman, of Rajahmundry, India, who, though permitted to labor only for a brief period in his chosen missionary field, proved himself even in that short time to be a workman eminently worthy of the confidence and affection of the church, and of invaluable service to the interest of the mission with which he was connected, and who was gaining an experience which would render him still more useful to it.

Resolved, That in the readiness with which he responded to the call extended to him to spend his ministerial life in a foreign land, and in the self-denying manner in which he gave himself to it, as

well as in the devotion with which he entered upon and prosecuted his work, we recognize a truly Christian spirit, sanctified to the Master's use, which is evidence that while he is removed from the scene of his earthly toil, it is only to be transferred to a heavenly rest.

Resolved, That while we deplore the loss sustained by our Rajahmundry mission, we rest in the calm assurance that the great head of the church "hath done all things well," and we call upon Him to send forth more laborers into this harvest field, not only to take the places of those whom, in His infinite wisdom and love, He may remove, but to enable us to widen and expand the work.

Resolved, That the sympathy of the General Council is especially called forth for the bereaved wife and family of our deceased missionary, and is hereby extended to them, and that our prayers shall ascend to the throne of the heavenly grace on their behalf, that they may be sustained in the mysterious affliction with which a merciful and loving Father has been pleased to visit them, and that the Divine blessing may be upon them throughout all their stay on earth.

Resolved, That a copy of this action be forwarded by the English Corresponding Secretary to the wife and father of the deceased.

SAMUEL LAIRD,
EDMUND BELFOUR,
JOSIAH KLINCENSMITH,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Slavonians.

Rev. Dr. S. Fritschel presented the report of the Committee on Papers of Rev. Droppa and the Slavonians, which was received and adopted as follows :

The committee to whom was entrusted the communication of Rev. Cyrill Droppa, pastor of the Slavonian Evangelical Lutheran congregation of Streator, Illinois, in which he portrays the circumstances of the Slavonian brethren in the faith in America, tells of his labors among the same which have resulted in the organization of the congregation at Streator, and in which he lays the mission among this constantly increasing class of immigrants, upon the heart of the General Council, to be spread among the churches, begs leave respectfully to offer the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That we have heard with heartfult joy and gratitude to God of the gathering of the Slavonians into an independent Lutheran congregation, by a Lutheran pastor of their own language and nationality, and that the work has prospered to such an extent that

a church for the worship of God in the Slavonian language has been built and dedicated to God in the town of Streator, Illinois.

2. *Resolved*, That we fraternally request Pastor Droppa to continue with all zeal his efforts to gather our Slavonian brethren in the faith into Lutheran congregations; and to do this most successfully in connection with the Lutheran Church of this country, we advise him as soon as possible to unite with some Lutheran Synod in connection with the General Cocncil, until such time as the founding of a Slavonian Synod becomes possible.

3. *Resolved*, That the German Home Mission Committee be requested to put themselves in correspondence with Pastor C. Droppa, concerning the promotion of Slavonian Missions, asking him to report the progress of his work to them, so that it may be brought to the notice of our congregations, and elicit their sympathy and aid.

4. *Resolved*, That we recommend Pastor Droppa to the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Synod for assistance, which also employs Pastor Horak to look after the Slavonians in Pennsylvania.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the German Home Mission Committee presented the following, which was adopted:

Your committee for the examination of the Treasurer's report of the "German Home Mission Committee" has verified the receipts and disbursements in the Treasurer's books, compared the vouchers, and found the same correct. Balance on hand, $63.03.

Respectfully,

W. A. SCHMITTHENNER,
A. W. POTTEIGER.
C. B. OPP,

Monroe, October 20, 1884. *Committee.*

The committee appointed to recommend action on the subject of Home Missions, presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Your committee, appointed to propose suitable measures for the proper support of the various Home Mission Committees of the General Council, beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the General Council has heard with profound emotions of gratitude to Almighty God, the great progress which that body has made in the last few years in the work of Home Missions.

2. *Resolved*, That it has also heard with feelings of deepest humiliation and sorrow, how inadequate are the means for rightly carrying on the great work which God has committed to it.

3. *Resolved*, That in view both of what has been done and still remains to be accomplished, in view of the dereliction of the past and the demands of the future, this body feels incited to renewed zeal in the cause of Home Missions.

4. *Resolved*, That this Council instructs the various Committees on Home Missions to urge upon the pastors the setting apart in each year of one or more days for the consideration of the important work of Home Missions; to urge, that on the day or days thus set apart, the pastor, or some one appointed by him, preach a sermon on Home Missions, wherein the work of the past, present, and the future, be placed before the congregations; to urge that on this day, or these days, so set apart, a special collection be taken up for Home Missions.

5. *Resolved*, That the Committees on Home Missions urge the pastors to form their young people into mission associations whose object it shall be to collect money for home missions and to make the people acquainted with the work.

6. *Resolved*, That the Presidents of Synods be enjoined to lay this action of the Council before their respective Synods, urging them to adopt such measures as shall secure the co-operation in this great work of every congregation within their bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. Berkemeier,
J. A. Bauman,
J. W. Early,
E. Sperling,
T. G. Pearson.

Resolved, That the English Secretary cast the ballots of the Council for the English Home Mission Committee of last year, substituting the name of Rev. J. K. Plitt for that of Rev. W. F. Ulery, who is about to remove to the West. This was done, and the committee declared re-elected for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That the English Secretary cast the ballots of the Council for the German Home Mission Committee, consisting of the same persons as last year. This was done and the committee declared elected.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretaries of the Mission Committees be appointed by the different Home Mission Committees themselves.

Resolved, That the Swedish Home Mission Committee be re-appointed.

The Committee appointed to report on the Immigrant Mission work, reported through Rev. G. A. Bruegel, which was adopted, as follows, to wit:

Report on the German Immigrant Mission.

From the report of your German Immigrant Missionary, Rev. Wm. Berkemeier, we perceive the rich results which this branch of our home work has produced during the eleven years in which he has been engaged in it. That this rich blessing of God might be retained, it became necessary to add a five-story building 28x42 feet, to the main building. This new structure is now nearly completed, and will cost $16,000, but there are $5,000 of indebtedness still resting on the old building, wherefore immediate help is needed.

Inasmuch as the circular mentioned in the report of the missionary has already been distributed among the congregations of the General Council, the committee would recommend the following:

Resolved, That we rejoice in the success of the Immigrant House Association, as evinced by the work already accomplished, and its prospective expansion.

May the Lord abundantly bless this work and our faithful missionary.

Respectfully submitted,

CHR. L. EBERHARDT,
G. A. BRUEGEL,
N. CONRAD,
Committee.

The Immigrant Committee was re-appointed.

Rev. G. A. Hinterleitner offered the following, which was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the District Synods recommend the adoption of the General Council's Constitution for congregations to all their churches, and urge upon them its usage.

Resolved, That the Secretaries of the General Council have 200 extra copies of the Foreign Mission Committee's Report in English and German, printed separately from the minutes.

Rev. F. Wischan offered a resolution, which was adopted, that a committee be appointed to prepare a suitable explanation of Luther's Smaller Catechism for Catechumens. The appointment was postponed until next year.

The President called attention to the "Association for Historical Research of the Reformation Era," urging persons to become members.

Resolved, That Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D., be appointed as the Agent for the Association in America.

In reference to the application from the Southern General Synod for permission to use the Hymnal of our Church Book, it was

Resolved, That the request be granted according to the purposes and limitations agreed upon.

At this stage of the proceedings a paper was read before the Council, signed by the Pastor, *loci*, and the delegation of the Michigan Synod, protesting against the action of several of the members of this convention in preaching for the congregation of another denomination in Monroe, on the Lord's Day, instead of worshipping with the Council in the German Lutheran Church, alleging that the act was in violation of the Rules on Pulpit and Altar Fellowship. But as neither of the persons referred to were present to explain, or to defend themselves, and as it was not known in what manner those services were conducted; and, above all, as the protest was not against the action of the General Council, but merely against individuals, therefore it was

Resolved, That the paper be laid on the table.

Rev. F. Wischan gave notice that he would protest against this resolution laying on the table.

Invitations for the next meeting of the General Council were received from the congregations under the pastoral care of Rev. Dr. Spaeth, Rev. F. Wischan, and Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, all in Philadelphia.

It was

Resolved, To accept the invitation of St. Johannis Gemeinde, Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth, pastor, and that the next convention be held in that church.

The time of the next convention was fixed on the third Thursday of October, A. D. 1885.

A vote of thanks was given to the Pastor of Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Monroe, and the members thereof, as well as some outside of the congregation, for their generous hospitality.

Resolved, That hereafter the public services connected with the convention of the General Council be under the direction of the various committees whose interests are to be presented.

Resolved, That the General Council reserves to itself the right to make all contracts, and will not be bound by the action of any person, or committee, unless instructed by the Council.

Resolved, That the subject for discussion at the next convention of the General Council, be the Liturgical Forms presented by the Church Book Committee.

The minutes of this last session were read and approved.

The motion to adjourn prevailed, and the Seventeenth Convention was closed by the President in the use of the Litany and prayers of the Church Book, together with the singing of the "Battle Hymn," and the Benediction.

That this is a correct account of the proceedings of the Seventeenth Convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, is certified by

S. L. HARKEY,

Toledo, Ohio, November 20, 1884. *English Secretary.*

Statistics of the District Synods.

Synods.	*Organized.*	*Ministers.*	*Congregations.*	*Communicants.*	*Time and Place of Next Meeting.*
1. Ministerium of Pennsylvania, - -	1748	220	401	98,451	Allentown, Pa., May 28, 1885.
2. Ministerium of New York, - - -	1787	81	81	22,238	Not reported.
3. Pittsburgh Synod, - - -	1845	83	160	15,901	Leechburg, Pa., August 28, 1885.
4. District Synod of Ohio, - - -	1857	34	70	8,000	Farmersville, Ohio, Aug, — 1885.
5. Michigan Synod, - - - -	1858	27	48	6,566	Not known.
6. Augustana Synod (Swedish), - - -	1860	198	428	96,954	Rockford, Ills., June 14, 1885.
7. Canada Synod, - - - - -	1861	20	64	7,200	N. E. Hope, Ont., June 24, 1885.
8. Texas Synod, - - - -	1851	32	49	6,000	Not fixed, April 26, 1885.
9. Indiana Synod, - - - -	1871	16	31	2,156	Whitestown, Ind., May 28, 1885.
10. Holston Synod, - - - -	1861	14	28	1,944	Solomon's Church, Tenn., August, 1885.
IN UNITY OF FAITH.					
11. German Synod of Iowa, - -	1854	199	315	27,500	Toledo, Ohio, 1885.
12. Augustana Synod (Norwegian) - -	1860	24	56	7,000	Vermillion, Dak., June, 1885.
		947	1,731	299,499	

APPENDIX.

PUBLIC SERVICES.

Thursday morning, 10:20 o'clock, October 16, 1884. Opening Sermon—Rev. Prof. A. Spaeth, D. D.

Thursday evening, 7:30. Discourse on Foreign Missions—Rev. H. C. Schmidt, *Missionary.*

Friday evening, 7:30. Home Mission Anniversary.

Rev. S. L. Harkey, D. D.
Rev. G. H. Trabert,
Rev. F. Wischan,
Rev. H. Merz.

Sunday morning, 10:30. Rev. Prof. S. Fritschel, D. D.

Sunday afternoon, 2:30. Rev. F. Wischan.

Sunday evening, 7:30. Rev. H. C. Schmidt, *Missionary.*

On Monday evening an exceedingly pleasant entertainment was given to the Council by the ladies of Zion's congregation, in the School House. After an elegant and bounteful repast, the occasion was made memorable and joyous by sacred songs, and toasts, mutual congratulations, and an address in the Pennsylvania German dialect by Rev. F. J. F. Schantz. It was such a time as will not soon be forgotten and was relished by all.

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The Eighteenth Convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America assembled in the Evangelical Lutheran St. Johannes Church, Rev. Prof. A. Spaeth, D.D., pastor, Philadelphia, Pa., on Thursday, October 15, 1885, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The services began with an English address by Rev. S. L. Harkey, D. D., the English Secretary, and the Confession and Absolution led by the President; after which the opening sermon was preached in the German language by Rev. E. F. Mohldehnke, Ph. D., and the Holy Communion administered by the officers of the Council to the clerical and lay delegates in attendance.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1885, 2:30 P. M.

The Council was opened by the President, Rev. Prof. A. Spaeth, D. D., according to the Liturgy of the Church. The roll of the Synods was called, and the names and credentials of the delegates were announced.

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Rev. J. Brezing,	H. Van der Smissen.

VIII.—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF TEXAS.

No delegation.

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No delegation.

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No delegations.

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" Gerhardt, E. V.
" Gerlack, R.
" Grahn, H.
" Groh, L.
" Hassler, J. W.
" Hirzel, C. J.
" Huntzinger, F. K.
" Isenschmid, P., M. D.
" Kepner, D. K.
" Kohler, J.
" Kuder, J. H.
" Lemcke, H. J. H.
" Lindenstruth, L.
" Linsz, A.
" Mayser, F. P.
Rev. Pohle, E. H.
" Rath, Myron.
" Rehrig, W. M.
" Reiter, D. H.
" Repass, S. A., D. D.
" Sadtler, B., D. D.
" Schaeffer, C. W., D. D.
" Schaeffer, Wm. Ashmead.
" Scheffer, J. A.
" Schmauk, B. W.
" Schmauk, T.
" Seip, Prof. T. L.
" Sibole, E. E.
" Sibole, J. L.
" Smith, Enoch.
" Smith, E. M.
" Smith, O. P.
" Walter, A. W.
" Walz, F.
" Weddell, A. J.
" Weicksel, L. M. C.
" Welden, C. F.
" Zentner, J.
" Zimmerman, R. M.
" Zweizig, M. L.

The President now read his annual report of official acts and correspondence, which was received and referred to a Committee, with a view to recommend action on its several items.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

1. *Incorporation of the General Council.*

At the last meeting of the General Council in Monroe, Mich., it was "*Resolved*, That the officers of the General Council be instructed to proceed at once to procure the incorporation of this body." (Min. 1884, p. 77.) This resolution has not yet been carried out. Under the advice of Mr. W. H. Staake, as counsel for the General Council, it was thought best to defer the application for a separate incorporation until after this meeting in Philadelphia. Mr. Staake will be ready, if requested, to state publicly the reasons for this delay.

2. *Protest against the use of the Lutheran Name on the Part of Sectarians.*

In a communication of January 29th, 1885, Mr. W. H. Staake informed me that application had been made by a body of deluded fanatics for a charter, in which the claim is made that they intend to worship God "according to the Lutheran Cultus," and the teachings of a well known fanatical woman of this city. I assumed the responsibility of requesting and authorizing Mr. Staake to take all necessary legal steps to oppose the grant of such a charter before the Court of Common Pleas, and thus prevent a gross abuse of the name of our dear Church, which could only be intended to misguide ignorant and unsuspecting people.

3. *Application to the Secretary for Ecclesiastical Affairs, in the Kingdom of Prussia, for the Ordination of Mr. Wm. Groening.*

The Secretary of our Foreign Mission Committee requested me, by an official communication of June 22d, 1885, to make at once formal application to the Secretary of Ecclesiastical Affairs in the Kingdom of Prussia, for a special order to the Evangelical Lutheran Consistory of Kiel, Schleswig-Holstein, to ordain Mr. Wm. Groening, who had been called into the service of our Tulugu Mission. In compliance with this request, I addressed an official letter to His Excellency, the Secretary of Ecclesiastical Affairs, in Berlin, and was gratified to receive a very prompt and courteous response to our request. On the 27th of July the desired order was given at Berlin, authorizing the Consistory of Kiel to ordain Mr. Groening. On August the 7th I was officially informed of this action, and on August 23d Mr. Groening was ordained.

4. *Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Augustana Synod.*

At the annual meeting held in the month of June, in Rockford, Ill., the Swedish Augustana Synod celebrated its twenty fifth anniversary. From its small and modest beginnings in 1860, this Synod has, with the blessing of the Lord, grown to such dimensions that it is not difficult to foretell that at no distant day it will be numerically the strongest body in our General Council. Those active and zealous brethren are this day spreading the web of their missions over the whole continent, from New England to California and Oregon, building churches in Denver, Salt Lake City and San Francisco. Their self-denial, their unwearied and harmonious co-operation, their fervent spirit of prayer, has been marked with wonderful success. And

well may this whole body rejoice with them over what the Lord has done through them. I was confident of expressing the mind of this body when I congratulated them, as President of the General Council, upon their joyful anniversary, applying to them the Scripture texts (Rev. 3:8), "I know thy works: behold I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name." And (Gen. 24:60), "Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gates of those which hate them."

5. *Letter from the President of the Synod of Texas.*

On September 28th, 1885, the President of the First German Lutheran Synod of Texas addressed an official communication to this Convention, asking that his Synod be excused from sending a Delegate to this meeting of the General Council, in consideration of the expensive journey, and promising that at the next Convention the Texas Synod would again be represented by a Delegate.

The letter also expresses special gratitude for the active interest in the Texas Mission work on the part of our German Home Mission Committee, for additional laborers sent into their field, and for financial support and assistance given to their Traveling Missionary, the Mission at Austin, and to their Delegate to the last Convention in Monroe, Mich. It is stated that the assistance given has borne abundant fruits.

6. *Protest of the Firms of Ig. Kohler and Brobst, Diehl & Co. against the Publication of the German Sunday School Book without Music.*

On September 28th, 1885, the publishers of the German Sunday School Book, viz: Ig. Kohler, of Philadelphia, and Brobst, Diehl & Co., Allentown, addressed a letter to the President of the General Council containing a protest against the publication of the German Sunday School Book without music, and expressing the hope "that this protest will receive prompt attention, and that a speedy and amicable settlement may follow."

7. *Appeal of Rev. M. H. Fishburn against the Disciplinary Action of the Canada Synod.*

After some previous correspondence of a half official character, Rev. M. H. Fishburn, of North Williamsburg, Ontario, Canada, on September 29, 1885, notified your President that it was his "intention to appeal from the action of the Canada Synod in expelling

him." I at once informed the President of the Canada Synod of his intention. All the papers bearing on this case which have reached me are herewith submitted.

8. *German Hospital and Deaconesses Institution.*

On October 9th, the President of the German Hospital in the City of Philadelphia, Mr. John D. Lankenau, sent me a letter containing a courteous invitation, in behalf of the trustees of the German Hospital, to the members of this body, to visit the hospital at any time convenient to them. Mr. Lankenau says, "the trustees will be glad to show them what has been accomplished so far, and they will be more glad to tell them what is contemplated for the future." I may be excused for adding a few words to this clause of his letter, as it refers to a movement in which our Lutheran Church is directly and deeply interested. Mr. Lankenau, having seen the blessed work of Deaconesses in practical operation in the German Hospital, has come to the conclusion, after mature deliberation, to erect on the grounds of the German Hospital, a Deaconesses Institute (Diaconissenhaus), which is to be in connection with the Lutheran Church as represented in the General Council. The generous and warmhearted philanthropist will erect the building and provide for a chapel, and furnish all that is necessary to found such an institution; but the Lutheran Church will have to send the sisters who are to fill that house, and to be trained for their blessed ministry. The Lutheran Church will have to breathe her spirit of sound and sober piety and selfsacrificing devotion into that institution, so that it may live to be a source of blessing, not only to our own household of faith, but to this whole country. A great responsibility is thus laid upon us, the synods, congregations and pastors connected with the General Council, and I use this opportunity to entreat you most earnestly and affectionately, not to neglect this great and sacred cause, of establishing a Mother-House of Evangelical Lutheran Deaconesses, in this City of Philadelphia. The preliminary steps have already been taken; a number of regular Deaconesses, who came from Germany in June, 1884, and probationers, who have since entered, are engaged in this work. But to perpetuate it and make it efficient it is absolutely necessary that it should be properly understood and actively supported throughout our churches.

9. *The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.*

Rev. A. S. Nielsen, President of "The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America," from which body greetings were present-

ed to our last Convention in Monroe, through our missionary, Rev. J. Schmidt, wrote a letter to this Convention, dated Chicago, October 9, 1885, stating that at their annual convention, held in Neevah, Wis., September 24th, they met with brother R. Andersen, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and hearing from him of the kindness and assistance shown to him by our representatives in New York, they felt it a duty to express their sincere thanks, considering all the good shown to him as shown to themselves.

10. *Statistics of the Church.*

The Constitution of the General Council, Art. I, Sec. 4, mentions among the powers and duties of the General Council, the following: "To collect statistics and information in regard to the Churches within its own bounds and elsewhere." I desire to call attention to this article in view of the fact, that the manner in which statistical tables are made, even within our own synods, is far from being satisfactory. It certainly is in the province of this body to take such measures, by the appointment of a committee, or a statistical secretary, or otherwise, as will bring about a better and more harmonious method of keeping our statistics.

Conclusion.

And may the almighty and ever faithful God send down upon this Convention the healthful spirit of His grace, and, that we may truly please Him, pour upon us the continual dew of His blessing, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A. SPAETH.

PHILADELPHIA, October 15, 1885.

The next business in order being the election of officers for the ensuing year, the chair appointed Revs. A. Richter, G. F. Spieker and Mr. H. Lehman, tellers to conduct the election.

On motion it was resolved that the hours of meeting for this convention shall be from 9 to 12 A. M., and from 2:30 to 5:30 P. M.

On motion it was resolved to accept with thanks the kind invitation of the directors of the German Hospital to visit that institution, and that Monday, 4 o'clock P. M. be set apart for this purpose.

The Foreign Mission Committee was now permitted to present their printed report, to read the substance of it with comments, and give the particular items and statistics that may require action in full.

(*For Foreign Mission Report, see Appendix.*)

The tellers now reported the result of the election for officers for the ensuing year, as follows:

Rev. Prof. A. Spaeth, D. D., *President.*
" S. L. Harkey, D. D., *English Recording Secretary.*
" F. W. Weiskotten, *German Recording Secretary.*
W. H. Staake, Esq., *Treasurer.*
Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D., *English Corresponding Secretary.*
" S. Klingman, *German Corresponding Secretary.*
" E. Norelius, *Swedish Corresponding Secretary.*

On motion the minutes of the last Convention were referred to a committee.

Resolved, That the Treasurer's report be made the order of business on Friday, 2:30 P. M.

The President called for all papers intended for action by this body, and also verbal notice to be given of any business to be brought before this Convention.

The New York Ministerium gave notice that they would request the General Council to give a definite and decided declaration upon the subject of Election and Predestination, and the relation of this body to said doctrine. They also gave notice that they would request the transfer of the Ward's Island Mission to the Emigrant Mission Committee.

Resolved, That the latter item be taken up on Monday morning after the Home Mission and Emigrant Mission Reports are disposed of.

Rev. Dr. J. A. Seiss introduced the matter of making some provision to defray the travelling expenses of the delegates to the General Council, and moved the appointment of a committee to devise a plan, which was carried.

Rev. Dr. E. Greenwalt presented several books to the Council for examination, and a committee was appointed to report on them.

The time of adjournment having arrlved, the session was closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. G. F. Krotel.

SECOND SESSION.

Friday, October 16, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Council was opened with religious services, conducted by Rev. J. C. Peterson. The roll was called and the minutes of the former session were read and approved.

The President appointed the following committees, to-wit:

On the President's Report.—Revs. E. Belfour, S. Laird, A. Richter, and Messrs. H. Hauff and L. M. Noling.

On Minutes of last Convention.—Revs. D. M. Kemmerer, J. F. J. Schantz, H. A. Kuever, and Messrs. A. B. Lilja and J. Klingensmith.

On Minutes of District Synods.—Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs, Revs. J. H. Baden, S. Klingman, J. H. Hunton, J. K. Melhorn, E. Carlsson, A. V. House, J. Brezing, and Mr. L. M. Melander.

On the Appeal of Rev. Fishburn.—Revs. G. W. Mechling, G. F. Spieker, J. J. Kundig, and Messrs. H. Lehman and W. A. Schmitthenner.

On Dr. Greenwalt's Books.—Rev. Dr. J. Fry, Revs. J. Steinhauser, Prof. R. F, Weidner, and Messrs. A. Stohlman and H. Van der Smissen,

On Plan of Defraying Expenses of Delegates.—Revs. J. A. Seiss, D. D., L. L. D., Dr. E. F Mohldehnke, Dr. J. A. Kunkelman, C. L. Eberhart, A. Rodell, J. Brezing, and Messrs. T. H. Diehl, W. A. Schmitthenner and D. Kepple.

The Church Book Committee, through Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D., presented their report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE CHURCH BOOK COMMITTEE.

The Committee having carefully prepared and presented in print three Orders for Ministerial Acts, which have not yet been acted on by the General Council, have not, during the past year, prepared any additional Orders. They greatly prefer to prepare them only as fast as the Council can act on them, so that the reasons which decided them in the preparation may be fresh in their memory. If the Orders are prepared years before they are acted on, it is necessary to re-study the subject in order to lay it fully before the Council.

An English translation has been printed, so that any who do not fully understand the original authoritative German text, may know what is presented to them. This translation has not received careful revision by the Committee, because it was not intended that the attention of the Council should be diverted from the matter presented, and directed to question of translation merely. When the Orders have been adopted by the Council, the Committee will prepare the translation to be issued for use, with the same toilsome and deliberate care which they devoted to the Church Book.

The proposal to prepare a Common English Service, in connec-

tion with the General Synods, North and South, has made marked and favorable progress since the last meeting of the Council. Sub-Committees of the three bodies had previously met at Charleston, and agreed upon the outlines of such service. This work had been approved by the Committee of this body, and a joint meeting of the three full Committees was held last spring, when, after extended and very harmonious discussions, an Order of Service for the use of English Lutheran Churches was agreed upon. This Order is herewith submitted in print, for the consideration of the Council. It was found that the principle, or rule, laid down by this body in its action on the subject, to-wit: That the common consent of the pure Lutheran Liturgies of the sixteenth century, should determine the Order, and decide all questions concerning it, was a most salutary one, and furnished the only basis on which it would have been possible for the Committees to have come to a hearty agreement.

One of the bodies engaged in this work has already taken action on it. The General Synod, North, at its convention at Harrisburg, June 1, 1885, "*Resolved*, That the General Synod has learned with great satisfaction that its Committee of Conference, with the Committees of the General Council and the General Synod, South, for the arrangement of a Common Order of Service for English-speaking Lutherans, has reached a harmonious and unanimous agreement; that it approves of the work of the Committee submitted to us, and that the Committee be continued, with instructions to finish the details, and also be authorized to publish the completed Service for the use of the churches, provided the other two bodies adopt it."

This action was taken without a dissenting voice, and the completion of such Common Service seems now to be in a fair way of accomplishment. For the General Council the acceptance of the Common English Service proposed presents no serious difficulties. Our church books were prepared under the operation of the same rule which controlled in this. The result in both cases must necessarily be substantially the same. Indeed, no changes of any serious or noticeable character would be made in our Church Book, except such as have already been approved by the Council, in its action on the German Church Book. It is not proposed that the same book in its entirety should serve for all. Each body will have its own book, with its own collection of hymns, and with whatever else the volume may contain. Each, however, would contain the Common Service. In some minor, unessential matters, not affecting the integrity of the Normal Service, each book might allow some concessions to the usages of those issuing it.

We would, therefore, propose to the General Council the adoption of the Common Service, and that the Committee be instructed to continue the work of its preparation.

An application has been made by a Committee of the Augustana Synod, for permission to print the Order of Morning Service of the Church Book, in a volume which they are instructed to publish, containing the Swedish Order of Service as well as Orders for Ministerial Acts. The English Secretary, to whom the application was addressed, informed Rev. C. P. Rydholm, Chairman, that no one but the Council itself could grant permission. But at the same time he expressed his own personal view that it was the great desire of the Council to secure a general use of the Order of Service in all our churches, in so far as it could be done by common consent and with profit to those using it. He thought that the proposal would meet with favor, because it tended to secure conformity in usage and would lead to the future use of the Church Book in English Congregations formed of Swedish material.

The Committee suggested last year the propriety of some changes in the Committee, as some of its members have taken no part in the work.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and considered, item by item.

The first item was the order for Ministerial Acts. Printed copies in German and English were distributed to the members of the Convention, the German, however, alone being the authoritative copy of the Committee.

The order for Infant Baptism having been adopted in its parts at the last Convention with some amendments and instructions to the Committee, it was now adopted with those amendments, alterations and instructions as a whole.

The order for Adult Baptism was now taken up, and after a full discussion as to the teachings of the word of God and the confessions of the Church in reference to the efficacy and power of Baptism, it was adopted as a whole.

On motion of Dr. B. M. Schmucker the same instructions were given to the Committee with regard to Adult Baptism, as were given at the last Convention with regard to Infant Baptism, concerning rubrics, prefatory instructions, qualifications and duties of candidates for baptism.

The session was closed with prayer by Rev. J. H. Baden.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1885, 2:30 P. M.

The Council was opened with prayer by Rev. C. G. Lund.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The order of business was the consideration of the Report on Foreign Missions.

The Foreign Mission Committee recommended a plan for a memorial of Missionary H. G. B. Artman, deceased, and were authorized by resolution to carry it into effect.

The Committee presented resolutions in reference to the schools in India, which were adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That as the care of the schools at Rajahmundry has been assigned to Rev. Mr. Groening, he be desired very carefully to examine into the whole school system at Rajahmundry, and after full consultation with the other missionaries, to propose a plan for the school system in all its parts, and especially with reference to the Hindu High School, the Mohammedan School and the Caste Girls' School, and the relation of these schools to the mission; that this plan, when prepared, shall be submitted to the Missionary Council, and after full consideration an opportunity be given to the several missionaries to send their views to the Committee; that until the submission of such plan and action on it by the Committee, the missionaries may continue to give religious instruction in both the Hindu High School and Mohammedan School, and that the high school may occupy the mission house in which it is now located, unless it should be needed for the use of the missionaries, but that no other expenses of these schools be borne by our treasury.

The Committee requested instructions from the General Council in regard to certain alterations that were suggested by some of the missionaries in the regulations governing the whole subject of Foreign Missions.

In most cases the proposed alterations were referred to the Committee for Foreign Missions with power to decide them. The Council approved and ordered alterations in the following cases:

Rule 16. After the first sentence shall be inserted the words, "*Teachers from other Missions shall be received on probation for such period as the Missionary Council shall prescribe.*" In the second sentence the word "*Christian*," before children, shall be omitted. In the last sentence, after the words, "to keep the prescribed records," shall be inserted the words, "*to preach the Gospel to the heathen.*"

Rule 17. Instead of the word "missionaries," in the first sentence, read "*Missionary Council.*"

Rule 22. After the word Rajahmundry, insert "*except when attending Conference, or when called thither by the Missionary Council.*"

Rule 27. To be omitted.

Rule 34. The first sentence to read, "*The Missionary Council elects, annually, its own President;*" the rest of that sentence to be omitted.

Rule 40. After the word "transmitted," insert "*by the President.*"

Rule 41. In the second line, after word "absence," insert the words, "*the Missionary Council.*"

On motion of Dr. G. F. Krotel, these Regulations as amended were ordered to go into effect provisionally on the 1st of January, 1886.

The question of the salary of Missionaries was disposed of by adopting a graded schedule.

The number of Lay members of the Committee was increased to *nine*, and the present Committee was instructed to nominate the additional persons to fill the number.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was now adopted as a whole. (*See Appendix.*)

The Committee was instructed to publish one thousand copies of the Report, both in English and German, separate from the Minutes of the General Council, for distribution.

The session was closed with prayer by Rev. G. H. Trabert.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1885, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Convention was opened with the usual devotional services, conducted by Rev. G. H. Trabert.

The roll was called, the minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and approved.

The Orders for Ministerial Acts, presented by the Church Book Committee, were again taken up for consideration.

The Order for Confirmation occupied the attention of the body the whole of the morning session.

This Order, as presented by the Committee, was constructed out of the original sources in their possession. The history of the Rite of Confirmation was traced through the Reformation period, and the result here given.

In the pure Lutheran Liturgies of the sixteenth century there was no order for Confirmation, nor had the Swedish Church any such order previous to the year 1693. It is possible that the Rite existed in the Pomeranian Church, and it is found as early as 1568 in the Church orders of Hesse and some others not purely Lutheran. The Rite is now administered by all Lutheran Churches. The constituent elements of Confirmation were defined to be: First, examination, which was by the fathers considered the chief part; second, confession, as an evidence that Baptism has not been ineffectual, construed more as an acceptance of the teachings of the Church than of the Gospel; third, the prayer of intercession, not for the gift of the Holy Spirit, but that the candidate may be kept faithful to his confession and vows; fourth, laying on of hands as the personal application and direction of the prayer.

Upon motion of Dr. J. A. Seiss, the discussion was confined to the question of what should be the parts of the service. It was agreed to have the Order consist of an address to the congregation, Lord's Prayer, confession and vow of the catechumens, the prayer of intercession, and the laying on of hands. The proposed order included an exhortation to the congregation and closing prayer, but these were not considered, owing to the hour of adjournment having arrived.

All the parts of the Confirmation service were adopted as far as to the "Exhortation to the Congregation."

The remainder of the Church Book Committee's report was made the second order for Monday morning.

The President here announced to the Convention a cordial invitation to the choral service in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion, to be given by the united Lutheran choirs of the city, on Monday evening, and presented the delegates of the General Council with complimentary tickets.

The session was closed with prayer by Rev. G. C. F. Haas.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1885—2:30 P. M.

The Convention was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. J. C. Kuntzman.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The German Home Mission Committee presented their annual report, including the statement of the Treasurer of the Committee,

who was requested to report only the sum total of receipts, but give the expenditures in detail.

REPORT OF THE GERMAN HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

By the grace of God, we are enabled herewith to present our fourth annual report.

The demands made upon us increase from year to year; the wants which we are to supply grow apace, notwithstanding all our efforts; at times we might almost lose courage in view of the immensity of the field as compared with the inadequate means at our command. And yet we must confess hitherto the Lord has helped us! To Him alone be all the glory.

THE FIRST GRADUATES FROM KROPP.

It is a source of special joy to your Committee to be able to report the safe arrival at New York, on June 19th, 1885, of the first six young men who have pursued the full course at Kropp. Their names are John Witke, Edward Walther, John Maasz, Paul Ziegelmeyer, Otto Konrad and Edward Schuelke. A seventh, Hermann Walbaum by name, was first obliged to perform military service for a short time, and reached this country last week. The final examination of these students extended over the period from March 2–18, 1885, and was conducted in the Seminary at Kropp. We submit a detailed report of this thorough examination for the inspection of the General Council.

On June 22d, your Committee held a meeting in New York City, and sent the candidates to the various fields of labor, which now pass in review:

I. CANADA.

Three new men were sent to this field during the year.

1. *Ernest Littwien*, from Berlin, Germany, was ordained May 28, 1885, at Elmira, Ont., and has become pastor of Zion Church, at Pembroke, Renfrew County, Ontario.

2. *John Maasz*, from Kropp, ordained by the Canada Synod, June 28, 1885, received a call to St. Peter's Church, at Logan, and was installed August 9th. His address is Brodhagen, Perth County, Ont. He writes: "My labor is materially lightened by the kindness of the members of the congregation, whilst other circumstances increase the burden. This is done especially by the sects. Brodhagen is comparatively a small village, and yet it has four churches.

In the center, on an eminence, visible from far and near, stands our beautiful church with its fine steeple. Not more than 2,000 paces to the east stands a little Baptist meeting house; two miles off stands the church of a congregation belonging to no Synod, although served by a pastor of the Missouri Synod. Three miles west of our church there is a Methodist church, and the Methodists especially are the ones who become dangerous to young people. They have planted their church in the very midst of our congregation in order to catch souls—a thing in which they have, however, hitherto not been successful, for which we render most hearty thanks to the Lord."

3. *Ernest Meinhold*, son of Superintendent (Bishop) Meinhold, in Cammin, Pomerania, arrived at New York, September 12, and has found a field of labor at Dorking, Wellington County, Ont.

The pastors, A. Blunck, J. Langholz, L. Mueller, E. Neudoerffer and F. Nitardy, continue to labor faithfully in their respective fields.

The Muskoka District.—In this section *Rev. A. Blunck* has been serving the congregations of Draper, Ryde, Monk and Morrison, and the Lord has blessed his work. *Draper* numbers fifteen families, and divine service is held every two weeks. On Christmas evening the Christmas tree was lighted for the first time, to the great joy of both children and adults. At *Ryde* they expect ere long to erect a church. In the two other congregations the services are likewise well and regularly attended. The missionary received from Synod $232 50 towards his support.

The Thorne Center Mission is still under the supervision of *Rev. J. Langholz.* He preached thirty-six times at *Thorne Center.* Divine service, Sunday-school and the Saturday day-school are well attended. The pastor's wife, on every Tuesday and Thursday, conducts a school for the little ones. A gentleman left the Roman and connected with the Lutheran Church. In *Admaston*, Rev. L. preached eleven times, received two new members, and, unfortunately, was compelled to discipline one. In *Renfrew*, eight miles from Admaston, services are held in private houses, as the congregation does not as yet possess a church. The missionary was aided by the Synod to the amount of $208.83.

The Denbigh Mission is in the charge of *Rev. F. Nitardy.* In *Denbigh* a constitution has been adopted and a congregation established under the name of St. Paul's. During the summer the parsonage was completed, and in a short time they expect to erect a church.

Sebastopol, which numbers fifteen families, has good prospects for growth. Many Germans live there, and the congregation has already secured ground for a church and cemetery. The Synod has expended $202.50 on this Mission. In the past year Rev. Langholz traveled 2,150 miles with horse and wagon, and in like manner Rev. Nitardy traveled 2,700 miles.

The HULLETT MISSION, thirty-five miles from Zurich, was also regularly supplied this year by *Rev. E. Neudoerffer*.

Rev. B. Mueller is still active in Brant, Hanover and Walkerton. In the last named place the new Trinity church was built during the summer. Upon these missions the Synod expended a total sum of $800, and, in addition, paid the traveling expenses of several candidates from Germany.

II. MICHIGAN.

Rev. Fr. Menke is still the faithful traveling missionary in this State. He regularly supplies seven congregations with the Word and Sacraments. On Jan. 11, 1885, he founded a new congregation, and administered the communion to thirty persons. In August, a new church was consecrated at Windsor, where he resides. Candidate *Lemster* was sent to Monroe, as assistant to Rev. Raible, who is still in delicate health. He was ordained there in the month of July.

Rev. G. Wening has organized a congregation in South Haven.

III. TEXAS.

This is still our largest mission field. *Rev. C. Kreuzenstein* has made very energetic advances in various directions. He first settled in Comal county, where is situated a colony of Germans called the "Haag Settlement." As long as ten years ago the traveling missionary of the Texas Synod gathered the people together, and preached the Word of God to them. On account of the lack of laborers, however, the charge had to remain vacant. Then came the Methodists, who drew away the majority of the members, and formed a Methodist congregation. Eight families, however, remained true to their Lutheran faith, and these our traveling missionary has entrusted to the spiritual care of Pastor Lettermann, of Cibolo Valley.

Turning toward the north he located at *San Marcos*, the county seat of Hayes county, with a population of about 2,000. Nov. 9th, 1884, he held the first German Lutheran service in that city. Here he succeeded in establishing the "German Ev. Luth. St. Peters

congregation," numbering thirty six families. On the first of November of this year they expect, God willing, to begin work on their church edifice.

Ten miles north of San Marcos he found a German settlement called *Plum Creek*, numbering fifteen Lutheran families. Great was the joy of these people that he had looked them up. He was indeed a welcome guest, and the school-house was at once placed at his disposal for divine services. Ten miles from his place of residence and six miles from Plum Creek, lies *Keale Hill*, where about twenty Lutheran families reside. Here they intend to erect a church, which at the same time is to serve as a school-house.

Twelve miles south of San Marcos lies *York Creek*. In this place there are about seventy German families, and yet in no place did the missionary meet with so many difficulties as here. The most of these people pride themselves on being heathen. They did not want the missionary. He could not secure a place for worship. They refused him the use of the school-house, and the season would not permit of a meeting in the open air. The missionary was discouraged, and almost gave up all hope of success. He persevered, however, and finally found a family which offered their house for worship, and behold! at the first service thirteen families were present, which still adhered to the Word of God. This number has increased to twenty families, and we hope that the Lord will especially bless His work in this place. For this new parish, with San Marcos as its center, the missionary is seeking a suitable pastor, so that he himself may move on, and take possession of new fields. Three hundred dollars was the amount paid by our Committee towards his support.

At *Austin*, Rev. H. Merz continues his activity. Having surmounted all difficulties, he has succeeded in erecting the church, so necessary for the continuance of the mission. On the 26th of April it was consecrated to the service of the Triune God, in the presence of the whole Synod, then assembled there. Since then the mission has been making encouraging progress. Ten new members have been received, and many who have not attended church for years gladly come, and bring others with them, The Sunday-school also increases visibly. The congregation has issued bonds at $25, with interest at four per cent., payable in three years, thus for a time meeting a portion of the debt. There still remains, however, a debt of $1,000 upon the church, which the architect must have this fall. It is therefore suggested that many of the friends of our work take one or more of these bonds, and thus help the congregation out of

its embarrassment. Our Committee is willing to furnish them. We paid $250 towards the missionary's support.

Rev. *R. Friedler* is still active in Fredericksburg, Gillespie county, and Rev. *W. Hummel* in Castroville, Medina county.

We were able to place three new men into the Texas field, during the past year.

1. Candidate *Franz Weiszkopf*, from Hermannsburg, ordained by the Synod in Austin, April 29, 1885, was called to Seguin, Guadalupe county, as successor to Rev. C. Kreuzenstein, who had been appointed traveling missionary.

2. Candidate *E. Schuelke*, from Kropp, was installed on the 2d of August, in St. Peter's congregation, at Gay Hill, Washington county, Rev. R. Jaeggli, President of Synod, performing the ceremony. Among other things he writes as follows: "Gay Hill is a country congregation, and, as in most of the rural churches in Texas, we have this trouble with the public school, which the pastor is expected to teach. Every inhabitant of Texas who has children, must pay a school tax of one dollar per month, whether he sends his children to school or not. For every child of an age to attend school, he then receives, from the income of school lands, the sum of five dollars. If a congregation is able to bear the cost of keeping up a parish school, in addition to the above school tax, the State does not object. This, however, is seldom the case, and some congregations that might do so, do not seem disposed to assume the additional expense. In consequence, the congregations in this State ask of their pastors that they give the necessary English instruction in the parochial schools, so that these Church schools may thereby obtain the rights and priviliges of public schools. The government under such circumstances, will pay five dollars of school money for each child, but demands of the pastors, and justly so, that they submit to an examination in the English language; and this, from year to year, more exacting and thorough. Every pastor in Texas must submit to this arrangement."

He has been suffering from an attack of fever but is convalescent, and joyful in the work.

3. Candidate *O. Konrad* was sent to Brenham, where last fall the "Church of the Holy Cross" was organized. On August 6th, 1885, a plot of ground located most favorably for a church edifice was purchased for $1,700. Pastor Konrad writes: "Two lots are to be reserved for church, parsonage and school house, and three lots will be sold. For one of these the sum of $500 has been offered. We intend for the first to erect a two-story edifice, to serve for church,

dwelling and school purposes. But we must await the collections to be taken for us in the eleven neighboring congregations. As the cotton harvest has turned out well, we hope that our expectations will be realized. May the Lord our God lay his blessing upon all."

We regret to state that Pastor Konrad has been suffering from fever ever since he has reached Texas, to such an extent that he has been unable to fulfill the duties of his office as he ought. May the Lord restore his strength and make him an efficient laborer in His vineyard.

IV. NEBRASKA.

In the middle of November, 1884, *Rev. J. Deguisne* entered upon his office as missionary at Isla, Saunders County, Nebraska, whither he had been sent by the Committee. In 1874 the Reformed Church first made the attempt to gather a congregation from among the Lutherans. The people were willing to listen to the sermon, but when it was proposed to establish a Reformed congregation the matter appeared more serious. But what should they do? It was either a Reformed Church or no service at all. The desire for regular services, with some of them, outweighed their confession and vows. There remained, however, a faithful band which refused to consent to this change of faith. At last, in the first half of the year 1881, the "Evangelical Lutheran St. John's Congregation" was established, under Rev. J. Kipple. Not long after the charge became vacant. Then they applied for counsel to Rev. J. Paulsen, at Kropp, Schleswig, from whose parish many of the members came. The result was that, at a congregational meeting held on the 25th of February, 1883, it was resolved "to accept no minister except one from the General Council." It was further resolved to purchase a piece of ground and erect a parsonage at once. Three hundred and fifty dollars were collected for the latter purpose. On the 5th day of March, 1883, two acres of land were secured for $25. On July 8, 1883, the members pledged themselves to pay a salary of $250 to a pastor belonging to the General Council, provided they could secure one. But, unfortunately, we were at that time unable to fulfill the congregation's request. Nevertheless, in 1883 they erected a parsonage, and waited with patience. A year later they renewed their request, and at the same time sent $75 to pay the minister's traveling expenses. Finally we succeeded in sending Pastor Deguisne. On the 16th of November, 1884, the twenty-third Sunday after Trinity, he entered upon his office as pastor of St. John's Congregation. At present the services are held in a school house, situated

about two and one-quarter miles from the parsonage. The Christmas festival was highly enjoyed by young and old, in the light of a beautiful Cnristmas tree. As the Church constitution had been lost and could nowhere be found, a reorganization was resorted to. On February 25, 1885, a constitution was adopted, based on the one recommended by the General Council. This congregation ought very soon to have a church of its own.

Thirteen miles from Isla lies *Wahoo*, the county-seat. Here there are a number of German families, but by intermarriage with English, mostly Presbyterians, by lodges, etc., they have either been estranged from or rendered indifferent to the Church. Nevertheless, on the 25th of January, 1885, our missionary began to hold divine services. Eight persons were present. He now preaches there every three weeks, and although the number is small, he yet works on in the hope that in time the Lord will here open the way. March 23, 1885, two men came to him from Colon, nine and one-half miles distant, and begged of him to come and preach to them. The people in that region also came from Schleswig, and a number from the parish of Kropp. He willingly consented, and began services at that place on Easter Monday. Since then he serves these people on the same Sunday that he preaches at Wahoo. A short time ago he made a journey through Saunders and Douglas counties, and found two new preaching stations.

In the New York Ministerium the following pastors are still engaged: *Rev. G. Baetz*, at Ellenville, Ulster County; *Rev. A. Braun*, at Williamsville; *Rev. T. Combe*, at New Rochelle, L. I.; *Rev. E. Reissig*, who, a short time ago, was called from Holland to Clarence Centre, Erie County. During the year the Moravians extended him a call to one of their congregations, but, true to his faith, he declined the call. In the month of August, *Rev. J. Stoldt*, who has been laboring with great self-denial at Farnham, Erie County, was called, by the Lord of the Harvest, from the harvest field to his eternal rest, his wife and child having preceded him a few days before.

Four of our candidates have been called into this ministerium.

1. *Candidate H. Asbeck*, from Hermansburg, was ordained and installed in the St. John's Church, at Lyons, April 10, 1885.

2. *Candidate H. Sander*, from Hermansburg, landed in New York, May 24, 1885. On June 14 he was ordained by the New York Ministerium at their meeting in Buffalo, and now labors in Pennfield, New York.

3. *Candidate Ed. Walther*, from Kropp, for a time assisted Rev. Kuehne, at Stapleton, L. I., but recently received and accepted a call to the congregation at Liverpool, Onondaga County.

4. *Candidate H. Wallbaum*, from Kropp, who arrived last week, will enter the field at Canarsis, L. I.

In the Pittsburg Synod, *Rev. J. G. Amschler* is still laboring faithfully in his congregations at Freeport, Natrona and Larone. He declined the call to Wheeling, which at first he almost considered it his duty to accept. He feels very much encouraged. The Sunday-school has increased four-fold, and the congregation now numbers 220 communicants. As soon as the debt of $700 resting on the church has been paid, a parochial school house is to be erected, as the need for the same is very great. Upon the urgent appeal of the Honorable President of the Synod, we sent him *Candidate Paul Ziegelmeyer* to supply Wheeling, W. Va., until the return from Germany of the newly elected pastor, Rev. J. G. Amschler. He was ordained by the Synod at Leechburg, August 31. Upon Rev. Amschler's declining the call to Wheeling, he was elected pastor of Zion congregation at that place. May the Lord in mercy grant him the necessary wisdom and strength for the work in so important a charge.

In the Pennsylvania Synod, *Rev. C. Horak* is still at work among the Slavonians in the coal regions. He complains that these people are too much scattered, and move about too much. In consequence, his salary is constantly decreasing, because those who have acquired a little something and could contribute, move away, while it requires some time "before the new arrivals recover from their poverty." And yet he faithfully works on.

Rev. *N. Ander*, heretofore assistant to Rev. J. J. Kuendig, at Reading, a short time ago received and accepted a call to Hainesport and Riverside, N. J.

Candidate *J. Witke*, from Kropp, has been elected successor to Rev. E. Hartmann, in Christ and St. Marks congregations in Philadelphia, and accepts the call extended.

Students. We have two students in the Seminary at Philadelphia, and one in Thiel College. Mr. Langner is still studying at Erlangen, and Mr. Praetorius at Hermannsburg.

OUR INSTITUTION AT KROPP, GERMANY.

We have already reported the arrival of the first seven graduates of this institution. Twenty-six young men were subsequently re-

ceived, and now, without counting those in the preparatory department, we find fifty students in the Seminary. Instruction is imparted by five pastors and four teachers, viz: Pastor Gerhold, Director; Pastor Pfaff, Inspector; Pastor Paulsen, Pastor Crome, Pastor Beer. Teachers Daszler, Lange, Bredstrup and Koch. The Seminary is filled to overflowing, and more room ought to be provided. It is easy to see that with so many in the institution, expenses, even if confined to what is absolutely necessary, cannot be small. Pastor Paulsen and his estimable wife are bringing every possible sacrifice only for us and for the work in which we are engaged. Is it right to let our burdens rest heavily on Pastor Paulsen's shoulders? Must we not continue diligently to aid him in every way possible, so that the work may be continued which has hitherto, under God's blessing, so evidently prospered?

Pastor Paulsen sends a petition for a number of copies of the German Church Book, for use in the institution. Your Committee would respectfully request the General Council to instruct its Committee on Publications, to furnish the necessary number of copies for this purpose gratis.

The President of our Committee, Pastor F. Wischan, visited Kropp during the month of August. He corroborates all that we have before heard concerning the excellent teaching force, and the thoroughness of the instruction imparted, as well as the true living Christianity which prevails in our institution, and the region about. Our Treasurer has again received a handsome sum in voluntary contributions, while Siloah is able to show a balance of $333.73. Our hearty thanks are due to Rev. *C. G. Fischer*, who again presents his salary as Agent to our mission fund.

The Rev. Prof. Dr. *Luthardt*, of Leipzig, transmitted a communication to us, in which several pastors in Bavaria express a willingness to begin an institution for the education of young men for the office of the Lutheran ministry in America, and desire to know whether we would be willing to co-operate with them in such a Seminary. Our Committee thought it best to lay the matter before the General Council at this meeting.

A question of great importance to us is that which concerns the ordination of the young men from Kropp. What arrangements for it ought your Committee to make? Some of our Synods meet in the Spring, before the final examination at Kropp is ended and the graduation can take place. The result is, that they come to this country after our Synods have met, and according to the rule, *e. g.*,

of the Pennsylvania and Texas Synods, they cannot enter the ministry till a year later. The Ministerium of New York, the Canada, and possibly some other Synods, have an arrangement by which young men who accept a call within their bounds, can be ordained in their congregations. What shall your Committee do in the case?

In accordance with the Council's resolution of last year, we here present the

REPORT OF THE LUTHERAN PRO-SEMINARY, AT ROCHESTER, N. Y.

First of all we consider it our duty to express our gratitude to the General Council, for its encouragement and commendation of last year. But above all things we are heartily thankful to our mighty and faithful Lord, who has been so extremely kind to us. Already last year the undersigned pointed out from what small beginnings, with what simple means, in consequence of much pressure and persuasion, this institution was timidly called into existence. And now, on the first Tuesday in September, we entered our *third* year, have four classes and twenty-two students—eleven in the regular course, distributed in Sexta, Quinta and Quarta, with an equal number in the practical section. A fine edifice, favorably located in the center of the city, which was originally erected for a similar purpose and hence offers abundant accommodations, has been secured for the period of two years, at a rental of $500 per annum. Here the students and the new director and house-father, Mr. Kellner, who arrived from Germany at the beginning of the new school year, have a comfortable home. Mr. *Paul Kellner* studied theology for three years at Leipzig, then determined to devote himself to higher education, and passed the examinations necessary thereto. He has satisfactorily filled positions similar to this, and was last Principal of the Courland High School at Griwa, in the German Provinces of Russia. There is something providential about the way and manner in which we discovered him and he came to us. Thus far he has filled his, and especially also his wife has filled her position as house-mother, and head of a large household, to our full satisfaction.

We appointed another salaried teacher (especially for the Latin instruction in Sexta, Quinta and Quarta), and an English lady teacher (for instruction in Arithmetic and Grammar).

The pastors, J. Rechtsteiner and H. Peters, as well as the undersigned, are also instructors.

The time devoted to instruction by each of the teachers is as follows: Director Mr. P. Kellner, 22 hours; Professor R. Hanisch, 15 hours; Miss E. Meyer, 12 hours; Rev. J. Rechtsteiner, 12 hours; Rev. H. Peters, 3 hours; Rev. A. Richter, 11 hours. The pastors Rechtsteiner and Richter are especially engaged in the practical department. Mr. R. Schmidt, a graduate of a German school-teachers' seminary, devotes three hours to drawing, writing and singing.

After pursuing a one year's course, one of our students entered the

Theological Seminary at Philadelphia this fall. With God's help, we hope next year to be able to send at least half of the students now in our practical department to Philadelphia.

The difficulty of our work is increased by the unequal and varied preparatory training which the students have received in some of the branches.

The institution is connected with the First German Evangelical Lutheran Zion Church, at Rochester, which elects the Board of Directors, receives an annual report, and audits the Treasurer's accounts.

The New York Ministerium has, during the past year, aided the institution through the contributions of individual pastors and congregations to the amount of $600, including the contributions of the other two German congregations of this city, but excluding the amounts contributed by Zion Church.

Whether a like sum may be expected this year seems from present prospects to be almost doubtful. The Ministerium, however, at its meeting in Buffalo, after receiving the report of the institution, passed resolutions urgently and heartily recommending our school to the pastors, congregations, ladies' aid societies and Sunday-schools of the Synod for their support. A Committee of Visitors was also appointed, consisting of the pastors, G. H. Gomph, A. C. Kuss and Mr. L. Deuchler.

With great joy and heartfelt gratitude to our Lord, and the dear friends who have hitherto assisted us, we must confess that thus far, notwithstanding our great weakness, all things have gone well—beyond our prayers and comprehension and worthiness; and for this reason we also look into the future with comfort and joy, even though it bring ever increasing demands. With the growth of the institution its needs and expenditures necessarily increase.

Commending ourselves to the prayers of the brethren, we therefore kindly and urgently request that you will not cease the pecuniary aid, which we need so much already for this reason, that the most of our students possess no means of their own, and we must therefore care for and support them.

In the name of, and by the authority of, the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Pro-Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

A. RICHTER, President.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., September 28, 1885.

Your Committee closes its report with the earnest prayer that God will direct all hearts properly to appreciate the magnitude of this work of Home Missions, and so move them to come to the help of the Lord, that from year to year greater triumphs may be recorded to His glory, and the eternal welfare of immortal souls.

Respectfully,

THE COMMITTEE.

Condensed Report of the Treasurer of the German Home Mission of General Council.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance as per last statement		$ 63 03
From the Treasurer of the Ministerian of Pa		1,000 00
From the Treasurer of the Canada Synod		
Return of the Traveling Expenses of Rev. Nitardy	$89 00	
Per Rev. C. G. Fischer	7 25	96 25
From the sale of the sermons of Rev .Dr. A. Spaeth and Rev. Dr. S. Fritschel, at General Council		32 40
From the sale of address on "Phœbe," and other addresses		13 00
Net whole result of the address, "Phœbe the Deaconess," held by Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth in Zions Church, Philadelphia		156 50
Special donations for the Institution in Kropp		137 32
For the Church Building Fund in Austin, Texas		28 48
Donations from Churches, Congregations, Members, Sunday Schools, and friends as credited in the Church Papers		4,396 09
Total		$5,923 07

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to Prof. S. Fritschel, D. D., for student Lemster		$ 120 00
" Prof. H. W. Roth, D. D., Thiel College, for Mr. Lamertin (board and fuel)		28 25
" Rev. Th. Harms for the students H. Sander and Prætorius		195 00
" Rev. J. Paulsen for maintenance, etc., of the students at Kropp		3,871 20
Traveling Expenses:—		
Paid to Rev. J. Paulsen for the first 7 pupils	$350 00	
For H. Sander, wife and child,	25 00	
For Prætorius	10 00	
		$ 385 00
1st to Rev. W. Berkeman for Mr. Littwien, to Ontario	$ 8 20	
For O. Konrad and E. Schuelke, to Brenham, Texas	55 90	
		$ 64 10
Temporary Assistance:		
O. Konrad	$100 00	
E. Schuelke	25 00	
		$ 125 00

Salaries:

Rev. H. Merz, to the 1st of April, 1886	$375 00		
Rev. J. Deguisne, to the 15th of May, 1886	250 00		
Rev. C. Kreuzenstein, to the 31st of May, 1886	150 00		
		$ 775 00	
Printing, mailing, paper, envelopes for appeal		135 39	
Printing matter, etc., for Rev. J. Paulsen		19 50	
Printing, etc., of the sermons of Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth and Rev. Dr. S. Fritschel		47 00	
Paid to Rev. H. Merz for the Church Building Fund, Austin, Texas		28 48	
Total			$5,793 92

Recapitulation :

Receipts, etc	$5,923 07	
Disbursements	5,793 92	
Balance		$129 15

This statement and also Siloah account, examined and found correct:

JNO. C. FILE, }
JOHN BORN, } Committee.

The report was received and taken up for consideration by items, for the purpose of acting on those points requiring action by the Council.

Resolved, That an abstract of the Treasurer's account be published in the minutes, including the certificate of the Auditing Committee.

The written examination of the students held at the institution at Kropp, Germany, at the time of the completion of their course of studies previous to being sent to this country, was submitted to the Council for their inspection.

The authorities of the institution at Kropp respectfully requested a donation of German Church Books from the Council for the use of the students, and on motion it was resolved to send them 100 copies in sheet form.

In this connection a proposition was announced as coming from Lutheran ministers of Bavaria, with the endorsement of Rev. Dr. Luthhart, of Germany, to undertake the establishment of an institution in Bavaria, with the assistance and encouragement of the General Council, having for its object the preparation of students for our Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

It was resolved to appoint a committee to examine the letters of Dr. Luthhart and others, and propose some action to this body. The President appointed as such committee, Revs. G. F. Krotel,

D.D., E. Belfour, J. H. Baden, F. Wischan, G. A. Hinterleitner, and E. F. Moldehnke, Ph.D.

The subject of the ordination of candidates for the ministry coming from Germany in the interval of the meetings of Synods, elicited a lengthy discussion without agreement, whereupon the subject was referred to the Executive Committee of the General Council, to report at this Convention.

The report of the German Home Mission Committee was now adopted as a whole.

The session was closed with prayer by Rev. G. F. Spieker.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1885, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Council met and was opened with religious services, conducted by Rev. Dr. E. F. Moldehnke.

The minutes of the last session were read, corrected and approved.

The order of business was the request of the delegates of the New York Ministerium that the Council give a positive and decided expression as to its attitude upon the doctrine of Election and Predestination.

After various resolutions and amendments were proposed, and a general and animated discussion indulged in, the substitute of Rev. J. A. Seiss, D.D., was finally adopted, to the effect that a committee be appointed to prepare a minute in answer to the request of the New York Ministerium, touching this question. The chair appointed as such Committee, Revs. B. M. Schmucker, D.D., Prof. R. F. Weidner, H. E. Jacobs, D.D., J. K. Melhorn, and J. H. Hunton.

The report of the Church Book Committee was now again taken up, and that part referring to a Common Order of Service for all the general bodies using the English language in America, was discussed.

The work of the Committee received the universal and hearty congratulations of all the speakers, and at the conclusion of the discussion the following resolutions, offered by Rev. Dr. J. A. Seiss, were unanimously adopted, to-wit:

1. *Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on the formation of a Common Service for the English Churches of the General Synod South, the General Synod, and the General Council, be accepted and adopted.

2. That the General Council rejoices in the agreement which has been reached in reference to this desirable end.

3. That the Committee on the Church Book be authorized and instructed to continue their labors for the completion of the Common Service, on the basis adopted by the three general bodies concerned.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the General Council now presented his annual report.

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America :

Your Treasurer, in presenting his annual report of the different funds in his custody and care, respectfully submits abstracts of "The Foreign Mission Fund," "Missions-Bote" and "Foreign Missionray" accounts, and the "General Expense" account in detail. These abstracts and the general expense account are hereunto attached. All of these accounts have been audited except the general expense account.

The Treasurer, at the instance of the Foreign Mission Committee, has borrowed during the year $3,000 for the necessary work of that Committee. One thousand dollars of this amount was used to pay the loan made to the Treasurer during the previous year, and $2,000 still remain as a debt due by the treasury of the Foreign Committee. This honorable body should unite in some effort to provide the means for the extinguishment of this indebtedness.

The Treasurer calls attention to the great increase in the scope of the operations of the Council by the simple statement, that when he assumed the office in 1876, the receipts and expenditures of the general expense fund and foreign mission fund, together did not quite reach $3,500 for the year 1875 to 1876, while the entire receipts and expenditures of the Treasurer, as shown by the annexed accounts, exceed the sum of $20,000.

The Treasurer again calls the attention of the Council to the neglect of the District Synods to send to the Treasurer "at least one dollar for every one hundred members" belonging to it. If the number of members belonging to these District Synods is as stated, over 246,000, the Treasurer should receive each year about $2,460. This sum, with the Council's revenues from its publications, would provide our treasury with a sum which would go far to solve the

question of payment of its delegates expenses in attendance at its annual conventions.

In 1867 the Council decided, that until a permanent revenue is provided, all the necessary general expenses shall be apportioned among the several Synods in proportion to their ratio of representation.

In 1868 a collection in each year, in each church, was suggested, and in 1869 the resolution was as follows:

Resolved, That for the purpose of creating a contingent fund in the treasury of the General Council, out of which shall be defrayed the expenses of the delegates to its conventions, the printing of the minutes, &c., the Synods connected therewith be requested to send up at least one dollar for every one hundred members belonging thereto.

In 1870 no monies were paid by any Synod to this fund, $21.00 being the whole fund—$11.00, a former balance, and $10.00, the donations of three gentlemen.

In 1871 the Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania Synods paid respectively $103.43 and $300.00.

In 1872 the receipts were $673.93; the minutes do not show the donors.

In 1873 the receipts were $496.38; donors not stated.

In 1874 the receipts were $251.00—being, Pittsburgh, $207.50; Michigan, $25 00; Indiana, $18.50.

In 1875 the receipts were $524.00—from Pennsylvania, $340.00; Pittsburgh, $93.33; Texas, $5.00; Michigan, $25.00; Swedish Augustana Synod, $50.00.

In 1876 the receipts were $425.79—from New York, $110.00; Pennsylvania, $150.00; Michigan, $25.00; Pittsburgh, $97.99, Indiana, $20.00; Texas, $17.80.

In 1877 the receipts were $476.54—from Pittsburgh, $217.09; Texas, $14.85; New York, $114.00.

1878–9 the receipts were $538.11—from Pennsylvania, $250.00; Pittsburgh, $118.00; New York, $149.86; Texas, $10.15.

In 1880 the receipts were $268.50—from Pennsylvania, $150.00; Texas, $6.00; Michigan, $25.00; Dist. Synod Ohio, $20.00; Indiana, $25.00; New York, $42.00.

In 1881 the receipts were $244.53—from Pennsylvania, $150.00; Texas, $18.55; Michigan, $25.00; New York, $51.00.

In 1882 the receipts were $300.00 from Pennsylvania Synod.

In 1883 the receipts were $750.70—from Pittsburgh, $136.00; Michigan, $25.00; Pennsylvania, $200.00; New York, $106.25; Publications, $222.45.

In 1884 the receipts were $881.50—from Pennsylvania, $400.00; Pittsburgh, $146.00; New York, $35.50; Publications, $300.00, from Pennsylvania Synod.

In 1885 the receipts were $511.50—from Pennsylvania, $300.00; New York, $30 00; Publications $181.50.

	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	Totals for 16 yrs
Pennsylvania	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	--	1	--	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
New York	--		--	--	--	--	1	1	1		1	1	--	1	1	1	8
Pittsburgh	--	--	--	--	1	1	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	1	1	--	7
Ohio	--	--	--	--	--		--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	1
Michigan	--	--	--	--	1	1	1	--	--	--	1	1	--	1	--	--	6
Scand. Augustana	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--		--	--	--	--	--	1
Canada	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	none
Texas	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	1	--	1	1	1	--	--	--	6
Indiana	--	--	--	--	1	--	1	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	3
Holston	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	none
Norwegian D. A.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	none
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GENERAL EXPENSE FUND.

1884. DR.

Oct. 25.	Balance last year	$288 29
Nov. 1.	Brobst, Diehl & Co., premium on German S. S. Book,	181 59
1885.		
April 10.	To cash, Rev. J. B. Rath, Treas. of Min. of Penna	100 00
July 16.	" W. A. Schmitthenner, Treas	30 00
		$799 88

1884. CR.

Oct. 17.	By cash paid sextons of the church at Monroe, Mich.,	$ 10 00
Dec. 17.	" " Rev. H. Merz, (del. from Texas) trav. exp.	90 00
1885.		
Jan. 5.	By cash paid Rev. S. L. Harkey, Eng. Sec'y General Council, postage $40, expenses, $6 00	46 00
Ap'l 13.	By cash paid W. E. Hering, printing, &c., Ger. Min.	232 31
May 2.	" " Blade Printing & Paper Co., Eng. Min.	203 50
		$586 81
	Balance	213 07
		$799 88

ACCOUNT OF WILLIAM H. STAAKE, TREASURER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

DR.

To Cash received from Rev. C. G. Fischer, Agent of the Committee, and from others as acknowledged in the *Missionsbote* and *Foreign Missionary*		$10,740 92
To Cash borrowed by order of Committee		3,685 00
Overdrawn		597 59
		$15,023 51

CR.

By Cash paid for:

Envelopes, postals, etc.	$38 09	
Title pages	3 50	
Photographs	15 46	
Stationery	10 75	
Mailing, etc,	21 51	
Expressage, labor, etc	7 25	
2 plate portraits, 8 plate views	$65 00	
1 plate view, ordered by Rev. Schmidt	10 00	
		75 00
Electros ordered by Rev. Schmidt		12 00
Engraving, electros, etc		138 53
3 Missionary Reviews, to Dr. Schmucker, Dr. Schaeffer and Rev. Schmidt for 1883, '84, '85		13 50
Rev. J. J. Kuendig, for Hermansburg and Leipzig Missions		57 21
Book binding, $8.43; "Book-handlung," $5.55		13 98
Discount on Canada money		2 33
Buggy for Rev. Schmidt		111 19
Box to India for Rev. Schmidt		160 87
Agent's salary		100 00
Rev. Schmidt, salary, expenses, etc		1,561 14
Rev. Dietrich, salary and expenses of the Mission in India, (Rev. D. being Treasurer of the Mission)		5,060 00
Rev. McCready, salary		800 00
Marie Anderson, salary		375 00
Rev. Poulsen, salary		600 00
Mrs. Eliz. Artman		300 00
Tallipudi building		1,000 00
"Ida Bleshoy," for Rev. Schmidt—a child, in India		100 00
Rev. R. Anderson, per order Rev. Poulsen		5 00
Rev. Grœnning		1,110 00
Rev. O. P. Smith, (per order Rev. Dietrich)		65 00
Mrs. I. K. Poulsen, as ordered by Rev. Englund		10 00
J. C. File, expenses		65
Postage		1 55
		$11,759 51

Transferred to Artman Memorial Fund (error)	65 00
Car fare, etc	12
Paid on account loan $2,000, this year	1,000 00
Repaid (loan last year)	1,000 00
Repaid (loan)	685 00
Transferred to General Expense Fund	90 00
Overdrawn last year	423 88
	$15,023 51

DR.

To Cash	$14,425 92
Overdrawn	597 59
	$15,023 51

The above account (in all its details) has been examined by us. We find it correct as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

JNO. C. FILE,
H. GRAHN,
F. WISCHAN.

Philadelphia, Oct. 13, 1885.

"MISSIONSBOTE" ACCOUNT (THE GERMAN MISSION PAPER), OCTOBER, 1884 TO OCTOBER, 1885.

DR.

To Balance last year		$1,296 77
Cash received from Rev. C. G. Fischer		2,463 75
" " " Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, Discount on bill, $244.86, at 2 per cent		4 90
		$3,765 42

CR.

Mailing Expenses	$178 02	
W. E. Herring, "Missionsbote," printing 11 mos.	649 00	
Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, 'Missionsbote' paper,	1,001 87	
Transferred to Foreign Mission Fund, as per order of Board	800 00	
		$2,628 89
Balance to credit of paper	1,136 53	
		$3,765 42

The above account (in all its details) having been examined by us, we find it correct as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

JOHN C. FILE,
H. GRAHN,
F. WISCHAN.

Philadelphia, October 13, 1885.

"Foreign Missionary" Account (the English Mission Paper).

DR.

From Rev. Fischer	$463 88
From Rev. Hasselquist, 12 copies of "Foreign Missionary"	2 00
From Wm. P. Lang, Jacksonville, Lehigh Co., Pa., for Foreign Missionary	20
Erroneously charged to this account (Lehighton Lutheran Church, of Lehighton, Carbon Co., Pa., per Jno. F. Semmel)	30 00
	$496 08
Overdrawn	431 51
	$927 59

CR.

Overdrawn last year	$351 54	
By cash transferred to Foreign Mission Fund (contribution of Lehighton Church)	30 00	
By cash paid Craig, Finley & Co., "Foreign Missionary" and postage, 11 numbers	546 05	
		$927 59

The above account (in all its details) having been examined by us, we find it correct as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

John C. File,
H. Grahn,
F. Wischan.

Philadelphia, October 13, 1885.

The report was received and that part not audited was referred to an auditing committee, consisting of W. A. Schmitthenner, J. Klingensmith and C. T. Kopitsch.

The Convention was closed with prayer by Rev. Prof. J. A. Bauman.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Monday, October 19, 1885—2:30 P. M.

The Council was opened with religious services conducted by Rev. M. C. Horine.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

On motion, permission was given to the Swedish Augustana Synod to publish as much of the Order of Service of this body as they may deem desirable for use in their Sunday-schools, and the same to any persons having the authority of said Synod.

On motion, the names of Rev. Samuel Laird and Rev. F. Walz were substituted for those of Rev. J. H. Hauseman and Rev. H. Grossman in the Church Book Committee.

On motion, the Committee was increased by the addition of Revs. J. F. Ohl and F. Buermeyer.

The report of the English Home Mission Committee was presented and read, together with the statement of the Treasurer of said Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS.

Shortly after the last Convention of the General Council, the English Home Mission Committee organized for the year by the re-election of the former officers, and the selection of Rev. Dr. J. Fry, of Reading, Pa., and Mr. R. B. Miller, of Philadelphia, as the additional clerical and lay members.

During the preceding summer one of the members of the Committee had made a visit of inspection to all the missions, and had continued his journey in the exploration of new fields, with the importance of which we were to some extent acquainted, but of which we had had up to that time no direct information. The report rendered, however, showed so clearly the necessity of immediately taking possession of at least one of these fields and laying the foundations for the future growth of our church in this newly settled and promising section of our land, that notwithstanding our limited resources, the Committee determined to commence operations in Dakota Territory, and accordingly appointed the Rev. W. F. Ulery missionary for that district, with instructions to labor along the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad from Moorhead westward, selecting some central place as a basis, and taking and serving as many other places in connection therewith as his time and strength would permit.

The addition of another missionary to the force already commissioned, increased also the amount which it was necessary annually to raise for the payment of salaries. The embarrassing question of how to interest the congregations in this general work, and enlist their practical cooperation in the raising of means to carry it on, continually pressed itself on the attention of the Committee. Early in the year we issued another circular, distributing many thousands, the object being to place a copy in each English speaking family in the General Council, and thus to give information, to lay before the people our wants, and to show the magnitude of the cause for which

their aid was solicited. In this circular it was earnestly urged that permanent arrangements be made in each congregation, by which regular collections, at least once a year, be taken up for this Home Mission work. We did not ask that large contributions be made in every case, but that every church should do its share, and thus by the united efforts of all, something commensurate with the greatness of the demands of the case could be accomplished. Surely this was a modest request, and yet our efforts met with only partial success. A few of the churches responded liberally, others sent smaller amounts, for which we were very thankful, but by far the larger number paid no attention whatever to our appeal. And it is with great mortification that we are compelled to state that we come to the end of the year without being able to meet in full the salaries of the men, laboring with much self-denial in the several missions, which were due and should have been paid at the beginning of this month.

The Council will see that if this general work of Home Missions is to be sustained, more general cooperation must be given. One great difficulty to be overcome is that so many pastors send all the collections which are taken up in their congregations to the treasuries of the Synods with which they are connected, disregarding the fact that the Committees of this Council, under the arrangements now made, are not to look to the Synods for appropriations, but solely to the individual churches. The congregations, and not the Synods as such, are our only sources of supply, and the duty of no church is done when it contributes merely to its Synod's work, and leaves the great outlying districts unprovided for. If the Council can do anything so to impress this truth upon the minds and hearts of pastors and people, as to lead to practical results, the Committee will be very grateful.

We give a brief account of the state of the Missions.

TRINITY CHURCH, CHICAGO.

Rev. C. Koerner, Missionary. The congregation continues to experience the benefit resulting from the occupancy of their new church building. Although, as yet the basement only is used, nevertheless the change from a rented hall to their present churchly quarters, has awakened renewed interest, and largely increased the attendance both of adults and children. At the Christmas celebration of the Sunday-school, the official report showed more than one hundred children beyond the number enrolled the preceding year,

since which time, the missionary states, attendance both at church and Sunday-school has been good, one of the recent Sundays in September showing a larger audience present, than at any regular service since he has been pastor. At the annual congregational meeting the Treasurer reported receipts for the year, $3,512.86. The floating debt of $2,800 has been reduced to $500, which amount it is expected will be paid before Christmas. The congregation hopes to be able to begin the work of completing the main audience room of their church next Spring or Summer. In March last the Church Council resolved to take upon themselves to pay one-half of the salary of their pastor, and so relieve the Home Mission Committee of the help they were extending, to that amount. This step toward self support is very gratifying, and gives promise that this mission will not only soon stand alone but become a helper of others.

The parochial report is, baptized, 21; confirmed, 25; received by letter, 14; dismissed, 3; buried, 19; communed at Easter, 170.

WICKER PARK MISSION, CHICAGO.

Rev. F. C. C. Kaehler, Missionary. Services have been regularly maintained throughout the year, both in church and Sunday-school. The debt remains the same as at last report, viz: $4,200. The church building was painted at a cost of $200, and $1,200 were raised for current expenses. The catechetical class held during the winter was the largest that the congregation has had.

The parochial report is, infants baptized, 10; confirmed, 13; received by letter, 9; funerals, 10; lost by removal, 1; marriages, 5.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MINNEAPOLIS.

Rev. G. H. Trabert, Missionary. Divine service has been held on Sunday morning and evening and on Thursday evening. The Sunday-school meets immediately after morning service, and an adult Bible class at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The attendance at the main service has been twice that previously reported. A sewing school, conducted by Mrs. Trabert and assistants in one of the poorest districts of the city, was opened in September, 1884, with seven members and closed in April with seventy. It has been again reopened in the church, and additions are expected from it to the scholars in the Sunday-school. The mission has struggled with many difficulties; its membership is as yet small, more than one-half of the number being young unmarried people of little means. Its expenses during the year have been unusually large, including

$102.40 for insurance, $92.23 for taxes, and $540 interest on the debt on the property. The whole sum of $734.63 has been paid, however, with the assistance of outside help. All difficulties in the way of making a deed of the ground on which the church and parsonage stand, have been removed, and the congregation hold the title to their property, which, though valuable, is encumbered with a mortgage of $9,000 at 6 per cent. interest. The Swedish Augustana Synod, which has shown a deep interest in this and other English missions within its bounds, has generously granted the missionary permission to collect among its churches for the debt, and he expects to begin that work soon. With the debt decreased the mission ought to begin in the near future, to contribute towards the support of its pastor. It has shown an increased financial ability by contributing twice the amount received in any previous year.

The parochial report is, communicants, 47; number of souls 82; communed within the year 52; baptized, infants 20, adults, 1; confirmed 3; received by letter, 18; lost by removal 3; burials, 3; marriages, 8; children in Sunday-school, 80.

TOLEDO, OHIO.

Rev. S. L. Harkey, D. D., Missionary. Amid many evidences of encouragement and success, this young organization has also had its trials. A few persons have become disaffected because of the action of the council in refusing to allow the church to be used for unchurchly purposes. Through the firmness of the pastor and council, however, the unruly members have been held in check and their influence broken, and the difficulties through which the little flock has passed will doubtless tend to develop a healthier church life. The membership consists mostly of young persons, with no men of means among them. The scarcity of labor and smallness of wages during the last winter embarrassed the congregation in making its payments. Nevertheless, the current expenses have all been met, and an effort is now being made to pay off a note of $500 coming due this month. The missionary has also been discouraged by the usual trials of a pastor in a large city, where so many temptations are presented on every side, leading the young and old alike astray and absorbing the mind and heart of the masses in the struggle for wealth and in the indulgence of unhallowed pleasures, to the ruin of their souls and to the great detriment of the church's interest. He has steadily continued, however, to preach the Word and administer the sacraments, and can see that progress is made in the

work of firmly establishing and building up the church he serves. His greatest hope is in the Sunday-school, which has increased in number to 125 scholars, and from which he expects this fall to form a larger catechetical class than he has yet had. The parochial report is as follows: Confirmed, 14; received by letter, 11; lost by death, 2; by removal, 9; number of communicants, 91; baptism of infants, 9; of adults, 2; marriages, 8; burials, 7.

MEMORIAL CHURCH, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, Missionary. The pastor of this mission has made a canvass of the city and reports that he has found 155 adults who are interested in the enterprise, of whom 39 are connected with it as communicants. Doubtless there are others also with whom he will meet from time to time, many of whom will become members. The chapel in which service has been held has become too small to accommodate the increasing audience, and the church council, although very much embarrassed for means, has determined to erect a larger and more substantial building on the ground owned by the congregation, which stands in a central location. The chapel hitherto used has been moved to the rear end of the lot, and the erection of the new building to take its place has been commenced. It will be 36x52 feet, with a rear addition of 10x15 feet. The corner stone was laid on September 6th. About $700 have been secured to pay for this improvement, and the work of collection in St. Paul and elsewhere is still going on. The Missionary finds it no light task to undertake the establishment of a new congregation in a city of over 100,000 inhabitants, where the people to be reached are so widely separated from one another, and in many cases reside so far from the place of meeting as to make regular attendance at the services impossible, and where also so many who ought to unite with the mission and help to support and built it up, have formed alien attachments and connections, and cannot be induced to return again to the church of their youth. And yet there is substantial growth. The membership has doubled within the last nine months, and the pastor reports that twelve to fifteen others have spoken to him of connecting with the church in the near future.

The parochial report is: Confirmations, 2; received by letter, 19; number of communicants, 39, of whom 1 is from a German church, 4 from Norwegian churches, 12 from Swedish churches and 22 from English churches; marriages, 2; burials, 2.

RED WING, MINNESOTA.

In addition to the charge of St. John's Church, Minneapolis, the Rev. G. H. Trabert has continued his visits at Red Wing, where he holds service every alternate Friday evening in the Swedish church. During last winter a class of fourteen catechumens was instructed in Pontoppidan's edition of Luther's small catechism. They were all confirmed on the 18th of April, and according to the testimony of the Swedish pastor, only one of the entire number would have come into the Lutheran church if the English language had not been introduced. The great want of this mission is a building of its own in which divine service can be held on the Lord's day. If this were secured, a congregation could be organized and put on a permanent basis. It could be served for the present at least by the pastors at Minneapolis and St. Paul. But until it has its own house of worship, notwithstanding the fact that the field is very promising, nothing further can be done than the holding of service on a week day evening, and giving catechetical instruction.

OTHER PLACES IN MINNESOTA.

Mr. Trabert during the past year has visited and ministered at a number of other points, as opportunity afforded or call was made upon him. Among them he mentions Afton, Stillwater, Ashby and Duluth, Minnesota, and Superior City, Wisconsin. Of course, only occasional service can be given to these places. An urgent plea has been made for a traveling missionary to take charge of them, but the Committee has not been able, through lack of means, to make such an appointment.

THE DAKOTA MISSION.

The Rev. W. F. Ulery entered on the charge of this mission Nov. 26, 1884. His work, from the very nature of the case, has mainly been preparatory, visiting the different towns and looking up and interesting the Lutherans located there in formation of congregations, and holding divine service where opportunity offered. He has preached every Lord's day with two exceptions, and quite frequently also during the week. In the performance of these duties he has traveled more than 4,000 miles by rail, and over 200 miles on the prairies, mostly on foot. The field of labor was so extended, and the points to be attended to were so many, that the Missionary asked the Committee to appoint the Rev. W. O. Wilson, of Mason-

town, Pa., as his assistant. Knowing also the treasury would not permit such a step, and having confidence that success would attend the more vigorous prosecution of the work, so that support could be derived from the field itself, Bro. Ulery generously offered to share his salary with his assistant, and the Committee complied with his request as they were enabled to do so without any additional annual outlay. Since the 1st of July Mr. Wilson has been associated with the senior missionary, preaching and ministering at such places as were assigned to him. The most promising places thus far visited are Bismarck and Fargo. At the former a lot of ground, 75x100 feet has been purchased, at a cost of $825, most of the funds for it being loaned by the Mission and Church Extension Society. Plans for a chapel have been made and subscriptions solicited for its erection. A provisional organization has been formed, and four deacons and two trustees of the congregation elected. The communion was celebrated at Easter, at which fourteen persons participated. Since Bro. Wilson's arrival he has been stationed at Bismarck, which has left Bro. Ulery free to give more attention to Fargo, where he has been lately endeavoring to secure a lot of ground on which to erect a chapel as soon as possible. In addition to these larger towns, visits of ministration have been made at Oriska, Valley City, Jamestown, Sterling and Sims, all located on the Northern Pacific Railroad, and all containing Lutheran material of various nationalities.

A Lutheran colony has been projected, composed largely of farmers from Western Pennsylvania, to settle in Dakota, and a tract of land has been secured for it about thirty miles east of Bismarck. The spiritual interests of these new settlers will also require the attention of the missionaries.

It is not possible as yet to see what will be the outcome of all this preparatory work, but the developments already made are sufficient to show that the Committee acted wisely in undertaking this Mission.

From the above it will be seen that we have now seven missionaries in the field, an increase of two beyond the number under commission at the date of the last report, while the number of places reached with ministrations has been very largely increased. The Committee has also been endeavoring to lessen the cost of their support to such an extent as this could be justly done, and have so far succeeded that seven laborers are now sustained at an expense of $600 less than it cost to support six missionaries nine months

ago. This has been done in order, if possible, to extend the work and appoint more men for fields where their services are required. Many requests have been sent to the Committee for missionaries and mission help. Besides the places alluded to in the report, the attention of the Committee has again and again been earnestly directed to other large towns and cities in the West and Northwest, as well as in the Eastern States and on the Pacific coast. Gladly would we respond to these urgent appeals. but we are powerless to do more than has been done so long as so much apathy is shown towards this General Mission Work by so many of the congregations. During the past year more than one-third of all the contributions received came from three churches, while at least two-thirds of the churches sent no contributions whatever to our treasury. We can only continue to make our reports, send out appeals, make public presentation of the facts of the case, and look to God to open the hearts of pastors and people, that they may be quickened and aroused to the performance of their duty in aiding to rescue from worldliness and ruin the multitudes of souls that depend on the Evangelical Lutheran Church for the Bread of Life.

CONDENSED REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE ENGLISH HOME MISSION COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

DR.

To Balance	$579 41
" Donations from Congregations, Sunday-schools, Mission Societies, friends, etc., as individually credited in the Church papers	3,435 65
" Received from Rev. G. F. Krotel, D. D., custodian of Synod's legacies	91 87
	$4,106 93

CR.

By remittance to Rev. A. J. D. Houpt, St. Paul, Minn	$30 00
" paid W. W. Kurtz & Co., express, circulars, etc.	34 10
" " Rev. S. L. Harkey, D. D., 149 Walbridge ave., Toledo, O.	450 00
" " " C. Koerner, 521 La Salle ave., Chicago, Ills.	864 57
" " " F. C. C. Kaehler, 14 LeMoyne st., " "	450 00
" " " G. H. Trabert, Minneapolis, Minn	900 00
" " " A. J. D. Haupt, St. Paul, Minn	375 00
" " " W. F. Ulery, Bismark, Dak	691 70
" " " E. Belfour	50 00
" " Sherman & Co	165 88
" " Rev. W. F. Ulery order to Bates & Lambert	20 68
" " " W. O. Wilson care W. F. Ulery	75 00
	$4,106 93

October 12, 1885.

P. A. KELLER,
Treasurer.

Your Auditing Committee have examined the Treasurer's Report and find the same correct in all particulars.

R. B. MILLER,
HENRY BEATES,
Auditing Committee.

Pending the discussion upon this report the Council anjourned to visit, in a body, the German Hospital, according to a previous resolution.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Prof. R. F. Weidner.

EIGHTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20—9 o'clock, A. M.

The opening services were conducted by Rev. J. Brezing. The minutes of last session were read and approved.

The Church Book Committee, through Rev. Dr. B. M. Schmucker, requested permission to make a statement in regard to the general use, which upon examination they had discovered, of the word "*Entsagen*," instead of "*Widersagen*," in the German copy of the Formula for Baptism, translated "*Renounce*," in the English. The former word has the authority of Luther's *Tauf Buechlein*, and the Lutheran Liturgies of the 16th century, with but very few exceptions. Whereupon a motion prevailed to reconsider the action of yesterday in adopting the word "Widersagen," in the German order.

It was now moved and carried that the word "*Entsagest*," be substituted for the word "*Widersagest*," in the Order of Baptism in the German language.

A motion was made to reconsider that part of the Order for Baptism which contains the Scriptural authority and command to baptize, in order to insert the full text of the command, which motion prevailed, and it was reconsidered. But after a very full expression of opinion, the Council refused to make any change, and readopted the form as presented by the Committee.

On motion the remainder of the Church Book Committee report was deferred until after the other necessary business of the Convention shall have been transacted.

The report of the English Home Mission Committee was taken up and ably and thoroughly discussed, after which it was adopted as a whole.

The Swedish Home Mission Committee presented their report, including the account of receipts and expenditures, which was explained in its relations to the English work, as well as in its immediate connection with the Swedes, and adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS OF THE SWEDISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

To the Venerable General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America:

"Let there be light, and there was light." Thus sounded the creative word of the Almighty at the first creation. Without light there can be no life. Shall a new world stand forth by our mission work? There must be light, fire, life in our hearts, in our congregations and synods. When the fire that Christ has come to cast upon the earth is kindled, and burns clear and bright among us, both means and men will be forthcoming, and the day of salvation shall rise as the sun in the firmament.

The Augustana Synod consists mostly of poor immigrants, newcomers, scattered over the vast continent from the shores of the Atlantic to the Pacific slope. But the great difficulty in our mission work does not lie in the poverty of our people, nor in their scattered condition; it lies in the worldliness and love of money and pleasures and fashion—in lack of that light and fire from heaven that Christ has come to kindle. Wherever the glorious gospel is truly preached, and the love of God, by the Holy Ghost, shed abroad in the hearts of sinners, there we find men and women willing to sacrifice everything for Christ, to pray, labor and contribute for our missions, for the kingdom of heaven. But, alas, these living members of our churches are too few, and here lies the secret of our difficulties in finding men and money for the successful prosecution of our mission work.

By the infinite mercy of God, the Mission Committee of the Augustana Synod has been able, in some degree at least, to continue the work on our many and important mission fields.

In San Francisco, California, our missionary, Rev. J. Telleen, is working in season and out of season. The church edifice, 80x40, with a steeple 100 feet high, that was under the course of erection last year, has been finished, and was dedicated April 19th, the second Sunday after Easter, last Spring, which day was a day of triumph and rejoicing for the Ebenezer congregation in San Francisco. On

the church property rests a debt of $13,000. But the congregation has a fine church edifice and a convenient parsonage, and is steadily increasing. The statistics at the beginning of this year show a membership of 250, of whom 163 are communicants. With this church is connected a good parochial school and a prosperous Sunday-school.

At San Jose, fifty miles southeast of San Francisco, a Swedish Lutheran congregation has been organized, consisting of twenty-members. Lots for a church have been purchased for the sum of $2,500 and a church edifice erected, but is not yet finished. When completed the building will cost about $3,000. This congregation has been served by a student, and visited once a month by Rev. Telleen.

In Sacramento, Oakland, Fresno, and other places in California, where many Swedes are to be found, our Mission Committee has not been able as yet to establish Missions.

In Oregon, and in Washington and Idaho Territories, we have now eleven congregations and seven church buildings. Four of these congregations, St. Johannes congregation in Kings county, and Gethsemane, at Seattle, in Washington Territory, Zion, in Mason, Idaho, and Coos Bay congregation, in Marshfield, Oregon, were received into the Synod at the late meeting in Rockford, and on this wide and important mission field we have now six ministers stationed as missionaries.

Among our Finnish brethren the mission proceeds slowly. Rev. J. Hoikka still labors at Astoria. Rev. C. M. Ryden has lately taken charge of the Finnish congregation at Marshfield, Oregon, and Rev. J. W. Lahde, who was ordained at the last meeting of our Synod, serves the two Finnish congregations in Ashtabula and Burton, Ohio. Rev. Alex. Malmstrine, one of our Finnish missionaries, has returned to the old country.

At our mission in Utah, one of our Theological students, Mr. Em. Edman, labors with much self denial and faithfulness.

A new congregation has been organized at Ogden, thirty-eight miles from Salt Lake City, with twenty members, and at Salt Lake City a church and parsonage are under progress of erection, which, when completed, will cost about $5,000.

Rev. J. A. Krantz, a graduate of Augustana college and seminary, who was ordained at last meeting of our Synod, is now our missionary in Utah, on this indeed hard but important field.

The Immigrant mission is carried on as usual. Mr. A. B. Lilja

at the Castle Garden mission, and Mr C. A. Sanford in Chicago, have proved themselves very faithful and suitable men for this difficult work. Our Synod acknowledges with gratitude the aid granted by the General Council towards the support of Mr. Lilja.

All these missions are under the supervision of the Synod's Mission Committee, but our Synod's greatest mission work is executed by the respective Conferences of the Synod.

Minnesota Conference has the largest mission field, extending not only over Minnesota, but over Manitoba and Dakota. Illinois Conference has many mission stations and mission congregations in Michigan and Wisconsin.

Our Eastern, the New York Conference, comprising the New England and Middle States, together with Ohio and Florida, is altogether an immense mission field. The Iowa Conference has mission work in Northern Iowa, and Kansas Conference sends its missionaries over Kansas and Nebraska, Colorado and Texas, and although the Mission Committees of the respective Conferences have done not only according to their powers, but beyond their power, still what is done is entirely inadequate to meet the needs and demands upon us. Fields are lost and souls perish on account of our neglect or rather inability to take care of them and send them the bread of life.

The Synod has established and maintained five Orphans Homes (one in each of the Conferences) and two Hospitals, and has during the last year organized a "Church Extension Society," the object of which is to aid poor and feeble congreations in erecting or procuring houses of worship.

The contributions for Synodical and educational purposes and for missions have been as follows:

To the treasury of Synod and Conferences, -	$1,067 31
For support of Augustana College and Seminary,	9,926 19
" the Home Mission, - - - - -	11,015 82
" the Foreign Mission, - - - -	2,394 12
" other benevolent purposes, - - -	30,340 71
Total, - - - - - -	$54,744 15

In this report nothing has been said about the English Lutheran Home Mission within the Augustana Synod, because this belongs to the English Home Mission Committee. Still, I wish to say, that the English Lutheran Mission is of the greatest importance for the future of our Church. If the General Council will not or cannot help us

to establish English Missions, other parties will step in and occupy the field, and in a not distant future, even undermine our old Swedish Churches. I, therefore, wish to call the earnest attention of the Council to this important mission, the English Mission among our American Swedes, and we will pray to God, that He will awaken a deeper interest in this work within the Council and all our congregations. Respectfully submitted,

ERL. CARLSSON,
Chairman Home Mission Com. Aug. Synod.

Rev. W. J. Mann, D. D., offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, in reference to the choral service held on Monday evening, in the church of the Holy Communion, corner of Arch and Broad streets, to-wit:

1. That in the Choral Service to which this body was so kindly invited last evening, we realized the beauty of ancient, and especially Lutheran Church Music; and acknowledge it as a convincing proof, that also in this direction we need not go outside of the galaxy of eminent talent granted to her, and the musical treasures entrusted to her, for the edification of her congregations and families.

2. That our thanks are therefore sincerely extended to the President of the General Council, Rev. Prof. A. Spaeth, D. D, for his unceasing and deservedly successful efforts to give us a Choral Service, no less full of instruction and encouragement than of sacred emotion and holy pleasure.

3. That our thanks are also extended to the Rev. E. Nidecker, pastor of Zion's Church, and to all those individuals and associations in procuring to us and to many hundreds of others, such a festive occasion, which will never be effaced from our memories.

4. That we also extend our special thanks to the authorities of the Church of the Holy Communion for having so kindly and liberally offered their house of worship for the execution of this musical service, which in no other building could have been heard with more propriety or more felicitously.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be given to Mr. H. R. Heyl, Director of the Novelties Exhibition of the Franklin Institute, for the kind invitation, accompanied with complimentary tickets, to visit that exhibition.

The thanks of the Convention were also extended to the Hon. D. M. Fox, Superintendent of the U. S. Mint, for the kind invitation to visit that institution at any time between 9 A. M. and 3 P. M.

On motion the time for hearing the Report of the Committee on District Synods was set immediately after the business of Home Missions shall have been finished.

Mr. G. Leicht was excused from further attendance upon the Convention.

The session was closed with prayer by Rev. H. A. Kuever.

NINTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, OCT. 20th—2:30 P. M.

The session was opened with the usual services, conducted by Rev. Dr. J. Fry. The Committee on Dr. E Greenwald's Books presented the following Report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DR. GREENWALD'S BOOKS.

Two copies of *Jesus our Table Guest, an Order for Family Worship*, prepared by Rev. E. Greenwald, D. D., have been placed in the hands of your Committee. It differs from ordinary books of Family Devotion, in having its forms responsive, so that all members of the family can take part. It has many other admirable qualities, following the order of the church year; is clear and simple in style, and in full accord with the doctrines and spirit of our Church.

We offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the General Council commends Dr. Greenwald's book to the families of our Church as an excellent Manual of Family Worship, especially for those desiring responsive forms.

2. *Resolved*, That the Secretaries convey the thanks of the Council to the venerable author for the copies received, and that they have them placed in the library of the Theological Seminary in this city.

J. FRY.
R. F. WEIDNER.
J. STEINHAUSER.
H. VAN DER SMISSEN.
J. E. STOHLMANN.

The subject of Home Missions was resumed, and after various propositions had been made and withdrawn, and the matter fully discussed, it was finally resolved, on motion of Dr. J. A. Seiss, that

we re-affirm the resolutions of last convention, with the insertion of the word "Pastor" in the last resolution in connection with congregations, to-wit:

Resolved, That the General Council has heard, with profound emotions of gratitude to Almighty God, the great progress which that body has made in the last few years in the work of Home Missions.

Resolved, That it has also heard with feelings of deepest humiliation and sorrow how inadequate are the means for rightly carrying on the great work which God has committed to it.

Resolved, That in view both of what has been done and still remains to be accomplished, in view of the dereliction of the past and the demands of the future, this body feels incited to renewed zeal in the cause of Home Missions.

Resolved, That this Council instructs the various committees on Home Missions to urge upon the Pastors the setting apart in each year of one or more days for the consideration of the important work of Home Missions; to urge that on the day or days thus set apart the Pastor or some one appointed by him, preach a sermon on Home Missions, wherein the work of the past, present and the future be placed before the congregations; to urge that on this day or these days so set apart a special collection be taken up for Home Missions.

Resolved, That the Committees on Home Missions urge the Pastors to form their young people into mission associations, whose object shall be to collect money for Home Missions and to make the people acquainted with the work.

Resolved, That the Presidents of Synods be enjoined to lay this action of the Council before their respective Synods, urging them to adopt such measures as shall secure the co-operation in this great work of every Pastor and congregation within their bounds.

Rev. G. W. Mechling offered the following:

Resolved, That the Vice Presidents be requested to lay before their respective Synods the question of committing to the General Council the whole work of Home Missions.

Resolved, That this matter referred to in the above resolution be postponed for consideration until the next convention of this body.

On motion the Home Mission Committees were all reappointed for one year, or until the next Convention.

Rev. Dr. G. F. Krotel requested to be excused from serving on the English Home Mission Committee, but was requested, by resolution, to withdraw his request.

The following named persons constitute the committees, to-wit:

English Home Mission Committee.—Rev. G. F. Krotel, D. D., Rev. S. Laird, Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D., Rev. F. J. F. Schantz, Rev. J. K. Plitt; Messrs. J. Jacob Mohr, W. W. Kurtz, L. K. Stine, M. D., Henry Beates, P. A. Keller, Treasurer.

German Home Mission Committee.—Revs. F. Wischan, F. W. Weiskotten, E. F. Moldehnke, Ph. D., J. C. J. Peterson, J. J. Kuendig, Treasurer; Messrs. F. A. Stohlman, J. Born, A. Bendel, J. C. File, W. A. Schmitthenner.

Swedish Home Mission Committee.—Revs. E. Carlson, L. G. Abrahamson, J. Wiestrand, C. O. Olander, H. O. Lindeblad, and Messrs. G. Johnson, S. W. Johnson, S. Hooger, and C. J. Samuelson.

The Committee on District Synods now presented their report as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNODS.

The Committee on the Minutes of District Synods respectfully report:

I. THE MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The 138th Convention was held in Allentown, Pa., May 28th–June 3d, 1885. Of the 233 clerical members, 203 with 122 lay delegates were present. Twenty candidates were ordained. The number of congregations belonging to the Synod is 392, and of confirmed members, 88,596. There are 17 congregational schools, with 31 teachers and 1,386 scholars; and 419 Sunday schools with 55,846 scholars. The entire sum of contributions reported was $397,352.59. Of this, $352,023.21 was for congregational, and $31,711.40 was for synodical purposes $8,698.02 were contributed directly to the work of this Council. Some progress has been made during the year in the collections for the new buildings of the Theological Seminary in this city, the prompt erection of which is so urgently demanded by the necessities not only of the Synod, but of the greater portion of the General Council. A new synodical constitution is in progress of discussion and adoption. During the last year the Synod sustained 29 missions:

1. *Missions under the care of the Board of City Missions.*

German: Frankfort, Rev. M. Schimpf; Germantown, Rev. J. H. H. Wendel; West Philadelphia, Rev. E. H. Pohle; Rising Sun, Rev. A. Lintz; North Penn Village and Christ's Chapel, Rev. E. Hartmann.

English: Chestnut Hill, Rev. C. J. Hirzel; St. Peters, Rev. E. Cassaday; St. Pauls, Rev. R. M. Zimmermann; Camden, N. J., Rev. C. K. Binder; Church of the Advent, Rev. J. H. C. Fluck.

2. *Missions under the care of the Executive Committee.*

First Conference: Hainesport and Riverside, N. J., Rev. A. Voigt; Chester, vacant; Milville, N. J., vacant; Doylestown, Pa., supplied by Rev. A. R. Horn, D. D.

Second Conference: Phillipsburg, N. J., Rev. S. B. Stupp; Bangor, Rev. B. F. Apple; Weatherly, Rev. L. Smith; Sand Cut, Rev. H. T. Clymer; Scranton, Rev. M. L. Zweizig; Wilkesbarre, vacant; Eckley, Rev. J. H. Schmidt; Slavonian Mission in Luzerne county, Rev. C. Horak; Catasauqua, Rev. C. S. Kohler.

Third Conference: Girardville, Rev. W. H. Rehrig.

Fourth Conference: Mt. Joy, Rev. P. P. Wisser; Columbia, Rev. J. R. Schoffner.

Fifth Conference: Lykens, Rev. M. B. Lenker; Middleburg, vacant; Jersey Shore, Rev. S. S. Henry; Lykens Valley, Rev. S. S. Henry; Germania, Rev. J H. Voss.

In some of these missions changes have occurred since the meeting of Synod. Thirty-six students were aided from beneficiary funds. In the Orphans Home at Germantown, there were 79 children, and in the Asylum for the Aged, 32 inmates.

In reference to the proposition for the establishment of an official church paper for the General Council, the following action was taken: "That this ministerium is not prepared to recommend to the General Council the establishment of any official organ or organs."

The next meeting will be held at Easton, Pa., on the Thursday preceding Trinity Sunday, 1886.

II. MINISTERIUM OF NEW YORK.

The 91st meeting of the New York Ministerium was held in St. Johannes church, Buffalo, N. Y., from June 11th to 16th, 1885. As the absence of the secretary in Europe last year prevented a full

report being given to the General Council, it may not be amiss to give here at least the statistics of the last year.

In the last year the New York Ministerium had 77 pastors and 85 congregations; 37 parochial schools, in which instruction was given by 50 teachers and 11 pastors, and which were attended by 2,295 pupils. The Sunday schools numbered 79, with 1,422 teachers and 13,745 scholars. The number of those baptized was 4,030 children and 19 adults; 1,430 were confirmed, 1,557 marriages were performed, and 1,559 burial services were held. The number of those who partook of the Lord's Supper were 23,232.

This year the number of pastors rose to 81, that of the congregations to 87. The parochial schools number 37, in which 2,245 children are instructed by 47 teachers and nine pastors. The Sunday schools have increased to 85, embracing 1,586 teachers and 15,732 scholars. Baptism was administered to 3,899 children and 23 adults; 1,691 were confirmed, 1,686 marriages were performed, funeral services were held for 1,757 persons, and 25,930 communed.

Assistance was given to ten pastors and four students to the amount of $1,242.84. For the German Professorship Fund the amount of $6,629.69 was raised. The work of the German Home Mission Committee was assisted by the contribution of $992.27. Two new churches were built, and of two others the corner-stones were laid. One church was destroyed by fire.

In reference to the "Deaconess" work, the following resolution was passed, viz: "That we heartily join in the rejoicing over the good beginning and continuation hitherto of the Deaconess work, and that we, on our part, will assist in finding young women and widows who will devote themselves to this work."

The constitution for congregations, recommended by the General Council, was warmly recommended to the attention of the congregations, as a basis for the constitutions of local congregations.

As the position of the Lutheran Church in relation to the state, is, in the State of New York, an altogether unfavorable one, a committee was instructed, if possible, in harmony with the other Lutheran Synods of the State of New York, to apply to the legislature for a change of this relation for the better.

In reference to the Ward's Island Mission, the New York Ministerium requests the General Council to refer this work to the Committee on the Immigrant Mission.

Furthermore the New York Ministerium makes the request that the General Council take a definite position in regard to the question of predestination.

Finally it may be mentioned that the Ministerium next year expects to celebrate the centennial anniversary of its founding, and that a committee has been entrusted with the task of preparing a history of the Ministerium.

The next meeting will, D. V., be held on the Thursday following the first Sunday after Trinity, in St. Peters church, New York City, Rev. Dr. E. F. Moldehnke, pastor.

III. PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

The Pittsburgh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, is composed of 88 pastors, 78 pastoral charges, 167 congregations and 16,189 communicant members. The minutes of the last convention show that 877 persons were confirmed, 506 were received by letter, 1,389 children were baptized, and 1,063 young persons received catechetical instructions, during the past year. Nine young men were aided in their preparation for the Gospel Ministry, 21 missions were under the care of the Synod. At the recent meeting, aid was granted 11 young men in the prosecution of their studies, and appropriation was made to 25 Missions. The contributions last year were for Synodical purposes, $5,221.21; other objects of benevolence, $50,279 14.

Thiel College, the institution of the Synod, is reported in a flourishing condition. A new building is in course of erection, which will soon be completed, and will give much needed facilities.

The Synod asks the Council to consider the matter of increasing the representation of the District Synods in its Convention.

The next Convention will be held in the Church of the Twelve Apostles, Saegerstown, Pa., beginning August 25, 1886.

IV. DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

The 29th Annual Convention was held in St. Andrew's Church, Farmersville, O., August 19th—21st, 1885. There are 31 pastors on the roll. During the past year, two members of the Synod have died, four were honorably dismissed, and one was stricken from the roll. Three pastors were added; the losses exceeded the gains by four. The dismissal of several charges and congregations to the Pittsburgh Synod, reduced the communicant membership to 7,000. Five new churches were dedicated, and one was thoroughly remodeled. A committee was appointed to devise and submit a plan for a churchly relief association, to be in connection with and under the control of Synod. In compliance with the suggestion of the General Council,

a committee was appointed to recommend a new and improved plan for Mission operations. The committee reported several plans, any or all of which seemed practicable. Synod adopted the report, and by resolution, urged its pastors and congregations to adopt one or more of the plans proposed.

The report of the Missionary President shows the Missions to be in a healthy and thriving condition. Six Missions were aided; of these, two were transferred to the list of pastorates, viz.: Ada and Columbus.

Synod expressed its gratification that the Columbus Mission, after a long and discouraging struggle, had at last, through the efficient labors of its self-denying pastor, Rev. S. W. Kuhns, aided by his faithful and zealous people, attained a position of permanency in the possession of a new house of worship and a self-sustaining congregation.

The debt of the Synod, which has been a cause of serious embarassment for some years, was reduced about $500, and there is now a prospect of being soon delivered from this incubus, when the work of Christian benevolence can be prosecuted with renewed activity.

The minutes of this year contain two appropriate and interesting memorials of deceased pastors, Rev. John Wagenhals, of Lancaster, O., and Rev. Charles F. Diehl, of Toledo, O.

The next convention will be held in St. Johns Church, Hicksville, O., September 8th, 1886.

V. SYNOD OF MICHIGAN.

The 26th convention was held at Adrian, Mich., from the 1st to the 6th of October, 1885. Its officers are:—President, Rev. Chas. L. Eberhardt; Vice-President, Rev. S. Klingmann; Secretary, Rev. C. A. Lederer. The Synod commemorated the 25th anniversary of its organization, which had taken place in December, 1860.

The next convention of the Synod will be held at Kalamazoo, Mich., beginning on the 7th of October, 1886.

From the parochial reports, the following statistics are given:—Number of ministers, 29; congregations, 62; teachers of parochial schools, who, according to new constitution of the Synod, have been received into the membership of the body, 5; communicants, 6,600. Total of contributions for the Telegu Missions, $506.42; total of contributions and expenses, exclusive of the regular running expenses of the congregations, $5,591.68.

Three pastors and two congregations were received into the membership of the Synod during the last convention.

Two delegates were appointed to the eighteenth convention of the General Council: Rev. Chas. L. Eberhardt, of Saginaw City, and Rev. S. Klingmann, of Ann Arbor.

Part of the sessions was given to the discussion of the new constitution of the Synod; the following paragraph was adopted regarding the duties and rights of congregations:

The Synod makes it a duty for its congregations to receive only such persons into their membership as have been baptized and confirmed, have at least some knowledge of the Lutheran Catechism, maintain unblemished conduct, are free from all connection with secret societies, and agree with the statutes of the church.

In the course of the last year, preliminary steps had been taken by some members of the Synod of Michigan, to found a seminary to educate young men for the ministry.

The Synod passed the following resolutions:

1. To adopt as its own the seminary, and to support and sustain the same.

2. To call Prof. Rev. A. Lange to the direction of the seminary.

The seminary will be located at Manchester, Mich., and Prof. Lange has already a number of young men under his care and tuition.

An executive committee has been appointed, the chairman of which is the President of the Synod, ex-officio.

All communications regarding the seminary, should be addressed either to Rev. Chas. L. Eberhardt, Saginaw City, Mich., or to Rev. S. Klingmann, Ann Arbor, Mich.

As to the protest which, at the convention of the General Council at Monroe, had been entered by the delegation of the Synod of Michigan, against the practice of fellowship of the pulpit with non-Lutherans within the General Council, the following resolutions were passed:

1. That our delegates be instructed to insist upon this matter being taken up from the table, and brought to discussion.

2. That our delegates be authorized to alter, if they deem it necessary or expedient, the form of said protest.

VI. SWEDISH AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

The 26th annual meeting of the Augustana Synod was held in the Leo Lalh church, at Rockford, Ill., June 19—30, 1885. At this

meeting the Synod celebrated its 25th anniversary. The Synod was organized A. D. 1860, at Clinton, Rock county, Wis. From a mustard seed the Synod has grown to be a wonderful tree, spreading its branches in all directions. The Synod numbers at present 459 churches, 59,448 communicants, 102,413 members, 214 ministers, 363 Sunday schools with 11,717 children, 208 parochial schools with 6,070 pupils, and five schools of higher learning.

The statistical report shows the following figures as expenses for benevolent purposes, viz: Augustana College and Seminary, $9,926.19; Home Missions, $11,015.52: Foreign Missions, $2,394.12; Benevolence, $30.340.71, and Church expenses, $410,560.03.

At Rock Island a new college building is under erection. For this building the treasurer has received $7,562.91 of the subscriptions and $25,000 as a donation from Hon. P. L. Cable of Rock Island, Illinois. It is hoped that the building will be ready for dedication next year. The number of students at the College was 206; of these 87 were beneficiaries. The College is in a flourishing condition. The same may be said concerning Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter, and the prospects are good for the other schools.

At the convention of the Synod at Rockford eighteen young men were ordained to the ministry and one pastor was received.

The next meeting will be held at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and begins June 18th, 1886.

VII. THE CANADA SYNOD.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Convention of the Canada Synod was held from June 24–30, in 1885, in St. Peter's Church, Brant, Bruce County, Ontario. The Synod numbers twenty-four ordained pastors and sixty congregations, including eleven mission congregations. Five pastors were received and one was expelled. The Treasurer's report exhibits receipts for benevolent objects of $1,569.87; $350 were appropriated to three students in Thiel College, one of whom entered the Seminary in Philadelphia in September. Eleven missionary congregations received aid to the amount of $650, and the traveling expenses of several pastors sent from Germany were paid. About 850 copies of the Synodical organ, the *Kirchenblatt*, were circulated, and showed a surplus of $201.64. The fund for the aid of invalid ministers shows an amount in the treasury of $474. Several sessions were devoted to the revision of the Synodical Constitution. The constitution for congregations, recommended by the

General Council, was referred to a committee, whose report is ready should the Council be prepared for its reception.

The next Synodical Convention will be held (D. V.) on Wednesday after Whitsuntide, in St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, Ont.

VIII. SYNOD OF TEXAS.

The Thirty-third Convention was held in St. Martin's Church, Austin, April 26–30, 1885. The Synod consists of 32 pastors and 53 congregations and 5,500 communicants. One minister and one congregation were received. Theses on drunkenness were discussed. Resolutions were passed thanking the General Council for its efforts to obtain additional laborers from the Mission Seminary at Kropp, and the financial assistance afforded in the expenses of their traveling missionary, the pastors sent them, and their delegate to the General Council. The subject of an official organ of the Council led to a long discussion, resulting in a recommendation to establish such organ, passed by a vote of 13 to 10. A committee of three pastors was appointed to examine the Council's Constitution for Congregations, and to report to the Synod at its next meeting.

The next annual Convention will assemble on the Thursday before Jubilate Sunday, 1886, at Yorktown, Texas.

IX. THE INDIANA SYNOD.

The Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Indiana Synod was held in St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Whitestown, Boone County, Indiana, beginning May 28 and ending May 30, 1885. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. A. V. House, President; Rev. M. L. Wagner, Secretary; Rev. J. C. Barb, Treasurer; Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, Missionary President. The Missionary President's report shows that considerable mission work has been done during the past year, and that Decatur, Ill., is the most important and promising field now fostered by the Synod.

One of the most interesting features of the last meeting of the Synod was the discussion and adoption of the thesis on "*Woman's Work in the Church*," by Rev. R. E. McDaniel. Rev. Chas. Koerner, of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, having presented a letter of honorable dismissal from that body to this, was received a member of this body. The Parochial Report, ending May 28, 1885, shows that the Synod now has 15 pastors, 31 congregations, and 2,255 communicants. Accessions by confirmation, 187; from other denominations, 21; from sister Churches, 33. Collected for Synod, $424.23; for

other purposes, $4,732.28. The place and time for holding the next Convention is at the St. James Church, Olney, Ill., Rev. I. Hursh, pastor *loci*, on Thursday before Trinity Sunday, 1886.

The Synod requests the General Council to take under its care the mission at Decatur, Ill.

X. HOLSTON SYNOD.

No minutes or report of proceedings from the Holston Synod has been placed in the hands of your committee. The following letter, however, claims the attention of the Council:

BLOUNTVILLE, TENN., October 13, 1885.

To the Eighteenth Convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, to be held in St. Johannes Church, Philadelphia, Pa , beginning on the third Thursday of October, A. D. 1885:

Grace be to you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST JESUS:—The same reasons which left the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod, whose President I have the honor to be, without representation at the last session of your venerable body, still exist and operate with equal force in the same direction. The organic union of our Southern Lutheran Church in one general body has not yet been consummated, but the movement for this purpose is still on foot, with the prospect of speedy success.

Since your last meeting in Monroe, Mich., in October 1884, a Diet was held in Salisbury, N. C., in November last, in which nearly all our Southern Lutheran Synods were fully represented. The result of its deliberations and actions was all that could have been desired. A basis of union, fully and strictly Lutheran, was unanimously adopted, and a constitution in harmony with that basis, for the government of the contemplated body, was agreed upon with equal unanimity. The action of the Diet was to be submitted to the Synods represented for ratification or rejection, and in the event that their action should be favorable, the officers of the Diet were authorized to call another meeting of this body, at such time and place as they may judge proper, for the purpose of consummating the union so auspiciously inaugurated.

Several of the Synods interested have already met and unanimously ratified the action of the Diet in November last, and the indications now clearly are, that the other Synods concerned, which

will soon meet, will endorse the action of the Diet with equal unanimity. Should this be the case, another meeting of the Diet will be called at an early day for the purpose of consummating the union so auspiciously begun.

Until this shall have been fully done the Holston Synod desires to be considered as still belonging to the General Council. The action of your venerable body at its last session, in reference to the movement in question, was entirely satisfactory to our Synod. All that we now ask, in addition to what you have already done, is that you still grant permission to the Holston Synod to unite with the other Southern Synods in the South in one general body, upon the basis adopted by the Diet at Salisbury, in November last, with the understanding that upon this condition your President be authorized to grant the Holston Synod an honorable dismission from the General Council.

You will please excuse my absence from the present meeting of the Council. Though absent in body I am present in spirit, beholding with joy your steadfastness in the faith of the Church, and your devotion to the work of the Lord.

As ever your brother in Christ,

A. J. BROWN,

Pres't of the Ev. Luth. Holston Synod.

SYNODS WITH PRIVILEGE OF DEBATE.

I. *German Synod of Iowa.*

The Seventeenth Session of the General Synod of Iowa was held in Toledo, Ohio, June 3–10, 1885. The Synod consists of 181 pastors, of whom 90 were present, and of 160 congregations, from which there were present 39 lay delegates. Besides these, 177 congregations not organically united with it, are served by the Synod. The President and English Secretary of this body were present as guests. The subject in their minutes especially claiming our attention, is that of the relation of the Synod to the General Council, which received most earnest consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I. *The Request of the Pittsburgh Synod.*

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the request of the Pittsburgh Synod for an increase of representation, and to report upon its expediency to the next meeting of the Council.

II. *The Protest of the Michigan Synod.*

Resolved, That the attention of the Michigan Synod be called to paragraph III, section 2, of *The Pittsburgh Declaration* (Minutes 1868, p. 23), unanimously adopted by the General Council, and that we reaffirm this as our present declaration on the subject.

Resolved, That the General Council make provision for the republication, in its minutes, of its Constitution, By-Laws, and all standing rules and official declarations; and that for this purpose a committee be appointed for their collation, who shall present the results of their work to our next meeting.

III. *The Canada Synod's Amendments.*

Resolved, That inasmuch as other Synods have not complied with the Council's request concerning the revision of the Constitution for Congregations, the consideration of the amendments be postponed until the other Synods have taken action and reported.

IV. *The Indiana Synod's Request.*

Resolved, That the request of the Indiana Synod for aid to the mission at Decatur, Illinois, be referred to the English Home Mission Committee of the General Council.

V. *The Letter from the Holston Synod.*

Resolved, That we gratefully acknowledge the progress which has been made in the Southern churches in the acceptance and confession of consistent Lutheran principles, and rejoice that there is a prospect for the early union of the Southern Synods on a basis of agreement pledging them to all our confession.

Resolved, That in accordance with the resolution of last year, the request of the Holston Synod be granted; that when the basis approved by the Diet at Salisbury, N. C., shall have been adopted by the requisite number of Synods, it be granted an honorable dismissal, and that we pray that God's blessing may abide with it in the new relation.

H. E. Jacobs,
J. H. Baden,
A. V. House,
J. Brezing,
S Klingman,
J. K. Melhorn,
J. H. Hunton,
C. E. Lindberg,
L. M. Melander.

The report was received and the recommendations taken up in order.

Item 1st, referring to the Pittsburgh Synod, was adopted.

Item 2d, referring to the Michigan Synod, was adopted with the addition of giving the full text of the Pittsburgh resolution at this place.

Paragraph III., Section 2, "Exchange of Pulpits."

"Lutheran ministers may properly preach wherever there is an opening in the pulpit of other churches, unless the circumstances imply a fellowship with error or schism, or a restriction on the unreserved expression of the whole counsel of God."

The Council adjourned to meet at 7:30 P. M., and closed with prayer by Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D.

TENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1885, 7:30 P. M.

The Convention was opened with prayer by Rev. G. A. Hinterleitner.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Rev. F. W. Weiskotten offered the following, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That at the Conventions of the General Council, the arrangements for preaching on the part of the delegates shall be made only with the approval of the President, and the Pastor *loci*.

Resolution in Item 2d in the Committee's report relating to the republication of the Constitution, etc., of the Council, was adopted, and the President was designated as the proper person to have it done.

Item 3d, concerning amendments to the Constitution proposed by the Canada Synod, was adopted.

Resolved, That the Synods be requested to act upon the matter during the year and report their action.

Item 4th, concerning the request of the Indiana Synod, was referred to the English Home Mission Committee.

Item 5th was adopted.

Item 6th, concerning the Iowa Synod, was disposed of by adopting the following resolution offered by Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth, to-wit:

Resolved, That inasmuch as Rev. Prof. S. Fritschel, the delegate to this body from the Iowa Synod, was providentially prevented from meeting with us, that therefore the matter of the relation of that Synod to this body, be deferred till next Convention.

The report of the Committee was now adopted as a whole.

The Committee appointed to bring in a minute, on the request of the New York Ministerium, presented the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PREDESTINATION.

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute, on the request of the Ministerium of New York, that the General Council define its position on the doctrine of Predestination, respectfully reports:

1. That it is not only eminently proper and right, but in accordance with one of the very ends for which the General Council was organized (Constitution, Art. 1, §3), that whenever questions of doctrine occasion serious difficulties in our churches, the Council be requested for its interpretation and decision.

2. That the request of the Ministerium of New York is accompanied by the statement that it is prompted by no necessities of their Synod or congregations, as they have attained a satisfactory understanding on the subject.

3. That we are not aware that anywhere within our Synods is there any pressing call for our action, as the Eleventh Article of the Formula of Concord is heartily received among us with entire unanimity, and so far as we know, without any question concerning its interpretation.

4. That the nature and difficulty of making any definite determination beyond the limits which our fathers so wisely set, are such that it is unworthy the high, holy and difficult subject, and unworthy of this body, to make any declaration without a minute and thorough discussion of the entire subject in all its bearings.

5. That as, because of the foregoing reasons, we know of no urgent call for such elaborate formulation of the doctrine on the part of this body, we think it best that at the present it should not claim the large amount of time and attention which the Council must necessarily devote to it, in case it should form the subject of our discussions.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on letters of Dr. Luthhart and Bavarian ministers, presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON A COMMUNICATION FROM LUTHERAN CLERGYMEN IN BAVARIA, GERMANY.

The documents referred to your Committee consisted of a paper presenting the plan of an institution in Bavaria, Germany, for the training of young men for the service of the Lutheran Church in America, and a private letter from Dr. Luthhardt, of Leipzig, addressed to a member of this body, in which he states that the aforesaid plan has been examined and is approved by Dr. Kliefoth and himself, and he can vouch for the good standing and learning of those who propose to undertake the work.

The plan proposes to take youths of not less than fourteen years of age, and to give them a course of four years in Latin, Greek, and other necessary branches, together with such a knowledge of the English language as will enable them to enter a theological seminary in this country, to be fitted for the work of the ministry.

The General Council is asked to contribute towards the maintenance of such an institution, the cost of which—with eight to ten students—is estimated at 5,000 marks (about $1,250), and also to pay the expenses of the transfer of the young men from Germany to the United States, and to provide for them while they prosecute their theological studies.

The plan also contemplates the erection, at an early date, of a suitable building in Bavaria.

After a careful consideration of this plan, and of all the circumstances that claim our serious attention, we beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we highly appreciate the fraternal and profound interest in the work of our General Council, manifested by Doctors Luthhardt and Kliefoth, and by those who desire to labor in and for such an institution as that which this plan outlines.

2. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as the General Council has already given unequivocal expression to its earnest desire to secure laborers from Germany, in the interest that it has taken and continues to take in the institution at Kropp, the friends who have elaborated the plan now submitted, may rest assured that we most earnestly desire the co-operation of our Lutheran brethren in Bavaria, as well as in other parts of Germany, in preparing and sending out young men to labor among those of our household of faith who have found a new home in America.

3. *Resolved*, That in view of present obligations, as well as of the many difficulties inseparable from any attempt on our part to

co-operate with our brethren in Bavaria in the establishment and maintenance of an institution such as that which is proposed, we respectfully ask them to excuse us for declining to assume any new obligations at this time, and for holding the proposition under consideration until a more favorable opportunity may present itself.

G. F. KROTEL,
E. BELFOUR,
J. H. BADEN,
F. WISCHAN,
E. F. MOLDEHNKE,
G. A. HINTERLEITNER.

The session was closed with prayer by the President of the Council, Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth.

ELEVENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1885, 9:00 A. M.

The session was opened with religious services, conducted by Rev. J. K. Melhorn. The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Immigrant Mission Committee presented the following report, including the Treasurer's account:

REPORT OF THE IMMIGRANT MISSION COMMITTEE.

To the venerable the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America:

We have the honor to present herewith,

1. Report of the German Missionary, Rev. W. Berkemeier,
2. Report of the Swedish Missionary, Mr. A. B. Lilja,
3. Report of the Treasurer, Mr. W. A. Schmitthenner,

and have the pleasure to report that our work during the past year has again had the Lord's blessing. We heartily thank the friends of our mission work for their gifts which enabled us to fulfill our engagements.

The Swedish Missionary, Mr. A. B. Lilja, has again been able, by personal visits, to keep up the interest for our Immigrant Mission in communities friendly to us, and has received contributions to the amount of $300.

The addition building to the Immigrant House has happily been completed, and the new chapel contained therein has been dedicated, on May 29th last, and the chapel service is now daily held therein.

Respectfully,

J. H. BADEN, *President.*

NEW YORK, October 10, 1885. W. HAUFF, *Secretary.*

Treasurer's Report of the Immigrant Mission of the Evangelical Lutheran General Council, from October 1, 1884, *to October* 1, 1885:

Oct. 1, 1884, To balance for Immigrant Mission	$204 75		
For poor Immigrants	77 47		
			$ 282 22
RECEIPTS FOR IMMIGRANT MISSION.			
Received from churches and individuals	$377 25		
Received direct from the churches of the New York Ministerium	86 00		
Received direct from the Iowa Synod	27 86		
Received direct from the Canada Synod	17 60		
Collection at the dedication of the new chapel in the addition building of the Immigrant House	86 46		
Collected by A. B. Lilja in churches of the Pennsylvania Synod upon the call for the Swedish Mission	300 00		
			$ 895 17
RECEIPTS FOR POOR IMMIGRANTS.			
Collections and donations from churches and individuals	250 71		
			$ 250 71
Total receipts			$1,428 10
DISBURSEMENTS FOR IMMIGRANT MISSION.			
Assistance to missionaries and students for traveling to destinations	$ 10 00		
Contribution to Bible Society for Bibles and Testaments	10 00		
Printing 20,000 Tracts	61 75		
Salary of Rev. W. Berkemeier, missionary, one year	600 00		
Part salary of A. B. Lilja, Swed. missionary,	400 00		
			$1,081 75
DISBURSEMENTS FOR POOR IMMIGRANTS.			
Forty cases of assistance to poor immigrants in cash and traveling expenses to destinations	$124 74		
1252 free meals to poor immigrants out of employment	125 20		
			$ 249 94
Total disbursements			$1,331 69

Oct. 1, 1885, To balance for Immigrant Mission	$ 18 17	
For poor Immigrants	78 24	
		$ 96 41
Total		$1,428 10

W. A. SCHMITTHENNER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, October 1, 1885.

October 10, 1885—Examined and found correct.

CONRAD EMIL LINDBERG.
W. HAUFF.

The German Immigrant Missionary presented the following report:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GERMAN IMMIGRANT MISSIONARY TO THE HON. GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA.

The past year has been of special importance for our Immigrant Mission on account of the addition of a new and spacious building to our old mission house. As we have already reported in former years, the old Immigrant House proved in time to be altogether insufficient to accommodate the continually increasing number of guests who seek admission at our door. Our Board of Trustees resolved therefore to enter upon the very difficult undertaking of erecting an additional building. By the help of God and good friends they succeeded admirably. The new building stands completed since last spring, a very worthy companion of the old building, five stories high, 42x28 feet, and is in every respect adapted to the needs of our institution. We can now accommodate daily 400 guests, and need not turn away from our door on account of want of room, such as take refuge to and seek admission into our Immigrant House. The success we have had with this new undertaking, has so much the more insured the future existence and success of our Immigrant Mission. The present property represents the worth of at least $100,000—and yet this value in money is insignificant in comparison with the great importance and inestimable value which this property has for our Immigrant Mission, and through the Immigrant Mission for our Lutheran Church at large.

As formerly, our Immigrant House has also been in the last year the headquarters for pastors, candidates, missionaries and students (the latter especially from Kropp, Brecklum, Hermannsburg, Berlin, Basel, Neuendesselsau), who passed through New York, and who in most cases awaited in our house instructions as to their destination. All the guests of our house — and we had during the last year more

than 13,000—came more or less in contact with our mission. Daily services were held; about 35,000 testaments, tracts, church papers and books were distributed; many were especially and individually advised and admonished; many were furnished with the addresses of pastors of our church at their respective places of destination. The other two missionaries, Mr. A. B. Lilja for the Swedish, and Rev. R. Andersen for the Norwegian immigrants, gave us their hearty co-operation, especially in Castle Garden, where it is so important for us to find those immigrants who have been recommended to us, so that they may receive protection and guidance at our hands.

Very encouraging and helpful for the successful promotion of our work is the friendly relation which exists between the Home Mission Society of Germany (through its branch for Emigrant Mission in Bremen and Hamburg) and our work in New York. Permit me to quote here the following paragraph from the annual report of the Home Mission Society in Bremen, treating of the work of that Society in the interest of the departing emigrants:

"Four years have now passed since the Society for Home Mission has taken into its hands the care of the Emigrants passing through Bremen, and we may confess with gratitude to God that our work has not been in vain, but has been crowned with abundant blessing. Very many German emigrants are directed and sent to us by the medium of the German Immigrant House in New York, (26 State street, Rev. W. Berkemeier, missionary). On the other hand, all emigrants who leave here for New York, and who intend to stop over in New York, are invariably recommended by us to the German Immigrant House, unless they should have relatives providing for them at their arrival, and we recommended them to the Immigrant House because we have convinced ourselves in a most positive way that they are there well taken care of and well provided for in all that pertains to their bodily as well as spiritual needs; whilst on the other hand the danger of being imposed upon and robbed by swindlers is very great, especially at their arrival in New York. We owe especial thanks to the missionary, Rev. W. Berkemeier, for his indefatigable willingness to render in all cases in any way possible, help to those immigrants recommended to him by us, often under the most difficult and trying circumstances."

In a report of the Evangelical Lutheran Committee for Emigrant Missions, in Hamburg, 1883–'84, we read the following:

"One of the principal and most important duties connected with our work is to give proper directions to the emigrant on his way to

America. The two immigrant missionaries in New York, Rev. Keyl and Rev. Berkemeier, in very many cases receive from such who have gone before and already are settled in the new world, the money for the passage of their relatives or friends, who are still in Germany. In this way it is made possible to many a one, to emigrate and join his or her friends on the other side of the ocean. We have the most assured confidence that the two named pastors conscientiously advise all those who are recommended to them according to their particular church connection and inclinations. Rev. Keyl is well aware that our mission entertains a most friendly relation with the missionary of the General Council, Rev. W. Berkemeier, and with the Immigrant House. By this relation we must be considerate to both parties, and in so doing we find it the best policy to entirely ignore the differences which separate the Missouri Synod and the General Council concerning doctrine and church practice. Only by observing such a steadfast neutrality in all the conflicts which agitate the Lutheran church bodies in America, do we find it possible to avoid all those misunderstandings and frictions which otherwise would be inevitable in our relation to both Rev. Keyl and Rev. Berkemeier and his Immigrant House. In our recommendations to Revs. Keyl and Berkemeier, or to the bodies which they represent—the Missouri Synod and the General Council, we are entirely impartial, and we would avail ourselves of this opportunity to express here publicly our full confidence in both men, which has been tested by a co-operation of eleven years."

Great demands have been made in the past year upon our treasury for missionary purposes and for the poor. The former is entirely exhausted, whilst the latter retains but a few dollars. In order to meet the many demands of the poor — who were really in great need of help here in New York — as well as to aid them in their journey inland, the Immigrant House has spent $782.77.

Apart from the material support given to the immigrants, many other demands were made of a much more difficult nature, such as to comfort the broken-hearted, to hunt up lost sons and daughters for their despairing parents, to find employment and a shelter for such who had nobody else in the world to provide for them; we procured the return passage for many for whom it was advisable to return to the fatherland; we guarded and protected such who were in great danger of being seduced and dragged into moral ruin.

Praised be the Lord our God for the gracious help He has granted us so far. Upon Him we rely also in the future. May He abun-

dantly bless all those dear friends who far and near assist us in our most difficult work by their prayers and contributions.

Respectfully, W. BERKEMEIER.

The Swedish Immigrant Missionary presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE SWEDISH IMMIGRANT MISSIONARY, AXEL B. LILJA, FROM OCTOBER 1, 1884, TO OCTOBER 1, 1885.

To the venerable General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America:

Looking back upon the work of the past year, we feel very grateful to the Lord for his continued blessing, and more than once it has cheered us to think upon God's kindness in providing for the spiritual welfare of the thousands of people who come here to acquire the riches of this world. As the majority of the Protestant immigrants belong to the Lutheran church, we are also glad that the Lutheran church of this country is interested in this important mission. She meets her children from the other shore in Castle Garden, and invites them to the old church. A good number of immigrants express their great joy when they find that there is a Lutheran church in this country where they expected only to find disorder.

Nearly all the Scandinavians are nominally Lutherans, and as a rule they prefer the Lutheran church. The majority are good Lutherans, and will remain so if it is possible to take care of them. On account of the proselyting work of the sects, and on account of the sectarian free church movement, some are estranged from our church. As the other denominations also have their representatives in Castle Garden, our work becomes the more important. We give our immigrants needed directions concerning Lutheran churches, schools, orphanages, benevolent institutions and church papers. We have distributed many thousands of our Swedish Lutheran papers, such as *Augustana* and *Missionary* and *Bethania*. We have also placed in the hands of the immigrants Helsningsordet and other good tracts.

Among the Scandinavians who have passed through Castle Garden, we have taken care of fourteen children under twelve years of age, provided for their wants and directed them to Lutheran pastors, placing the address on their coats. These children have come without parents or guardians.

One part of our work demanding a good deal of care, sympathy and time, consists in providing for needy and destitute immigrants,

by giving them food and necessary means to travel. Some paupers and sick have been helped to passage to the old country. The Augustana Synod has provided $200 for this very important work of the mission. Work of charity among the immigrants has a powerful effect and draws the hearts of the poor strangers to the church. They never forget their experience in Castle Garden. We have received many letters from those we have helped, and they all express their deep gratitude. Many touching incidents could be related, and all go to prove the importance of charity in a work like this.

As in former years, divine service has been held as often as possible for the Scandinavians in the chapel of the Lutheran Immigrant House, where a good number of Scandinavians and Finlanders have lodged and found a good Christian home. The German missionary, Rev. Pastor Berkemeier, who is house-father, has conducted morning and evening service in the German language. We work in harmony, helping each other as often as convenient, and for the common interest of the mission.

Our correspondence is also of importance. We have received hundreds of letters during the year. These letters relate to the arrival of immigrants, and sometimes contain questions that must be answered. Friends of immigrants wish that we shall meet them and serve them in one way or another. We are often called upon to look up or find lost trunks and other goods, and we have done this when it has been practicable.

Ward's Island and other hospitals have been visited as usual. We have conversed with the sick and often acted as interpreter between the doctor and patients.

Although many other things might be added to this report concerning the routine of our work in Castle Garden, we conclude, asking for your continued interest and prayers.

Your obedient servant,

AXEL BERNHARD LILJA.

Ward's Island Mission Report was presented by the New York Ministerium as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEW YORK MINISTERIUM AS COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL, FOR THE WARD'S ISLAND MISSION.

Your committee has endeavored, during the year past, to keep alive the interest in this important mission, and to provide for the maintenance of the chaplain, Rev. L. H. Gerndt. With this end in

view they have at various times published in church papers accounts of the mission at Ward's Island, and have appointed a visiting committee, whose duty it shall be personally to acquaint themselves, as often as may be deemed necessary, with the particular needs of this mission and to report thereon. Nevertheless, however, the receipts from sources other than the New York Ministerium were, and remained, small, so that your committee found it necessary to appoint a special collector in order to secure means for the support of the chaplain. They had the gratification of finding in Rev. A. Stuckert, a man who devoted himself to this work with great patience and energy, and whose efforts were at least in so far successful, that the necessary funds were secured for the current year. He, indeed, succeeded in obtaining besides, several standing subscriptions, yielding an annual revenue; but, even considering the meager salary of the chaplain, the amount thus secured is inadequate. The chaplain's salary, up to and including the month of October, 1884, was $50 per month; since then it has been only $40 per month. For further particulars see treasurer's report as herewith appended.

Your committee also beg leave to call attention to the resolution passed at the last meeting of the New York Synod (Synodical Min. 1885, pp. 46, 47), viz.: "*Resolved*, that we request the General Council to entrust the management of the Mission on Ward's Island, to its Immigrant Mission Committee."

It may not be out of place here to refer to the sad fact, that our worthy chaplain has suffered a sore bereavement in the decease of his wife, who died September 14, 1885, and was buried September 17th, in Lutheran Cemetery, Middle Village, N. Y. God in his mercy give strength and consolation to our afflicted brother.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Donations elicited by the request published in the papers, sent to treasurer, June, 1884, to July, 1885	$247 98	
Collected by Rev. A. Stuckert, as authorized by Committee and acknowledged in the church papers	602 00	
		$849 98

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salary of Missionary L. H. Gerndt, from July 1, 1884, to November 1, 1884, four months at $50	$200 00	
Salary from November 1, 1884, to October 1, 1885, eleven months at $40	440 00	
Amount of salary for fifteen months		$640 00

Other Expenditures:

To printing circulars, collection book, etc	$ 16 85	
To traveling expenses and postage of collector, three mos.	32 55	
To compensation of collector for services three months	60 20	
		$749 60
Balance in treasury, October 1, 1885		$100 38

By authority of the Executive Committee.

PH. KRUG, *President.*
J. C. J. PETERSEN, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct, September 30, 1885.

(Signed) F. A. STOHLMANN,
H. E. SACKMANN,
Committee.

The report of the Immigrant Mission was adopted and the cause recommended to the continued sympathy and support of the churches.

At the request of the New York Ministerium the Ward's Island Mission was transferred to the Immigrant Mission Committee's care.

The Immigrant Mission Committee was reappointed as follows: Revs. J. H. Baden, C G. Lindberg, L. Kœnig, J. C. J. Peterson, and Messrs. William Hauff, John Mohler, W. A. Schmitthenner, L. F. I. Anger, Henry Guenther.

Rev. Dr. G. F. Krotel moved that all speeches to-day be limited to five minutes, which was adopted.

The Committee on Little Children's Book presented the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON "LITTLE CHILDREN'S BOOK."

The Committee appointed by this body to prepare a Hymnal for little children, have the honor to report that they have performed the task assigned them, and that the book has been published under the title: "Little Children's Book: For Schools and Families." The Committee now asks to be discharged.

J. F. OHL,
F. F. BUERMEYER,
T. HEILIG,
M. H. RICHARDS,
W. K. FRICK,
C. F. HERRMANN,
Committee.

The report was received and adopted and the Committee discharged with the thanks of the General Council for the admirable manner in which they had discharged their duty.

The Trustees of the General Council presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

The Trustees report in reference to the questions referred to them at the last Convention of the Council.

1. That no further progress has been made in adjustment of the matter at issue with the publisher of the English Sunday-School Book.

2. The publishers of the German Sunday-School Book were requested to present any proposition they might have to make in the way of the settlement of their claims to the Trustees. They have done so, and we lay it before you.

3. The legal points involved in these cases were referred to W. H. Staake, Esq., who has prepared a paper embodying the opinions of attorneys and publishers, which we are ready to lay before the Council.

S. LAIRD,
Secretary.

[In the proposition referred to under No. 2 of the above report, Messrs. Brobst, Diehl & Co. and Ig. Kohler, offer to increase the premium on the German Sunday-School Book with music from five cents to six cents per copy, provided that the German Sunday-School Book without music be turned over to them with its copyright, subject to a "contract similar to the one existing" in the case of the German Sunday-school Book with music. They then offer to pay a premium of four cents per copy on the edition without music. Or they offer to reduce the selling price of the German Sunday-School Book with music to $30 per hundred copies and to continue the premium of five cents per copy hitherto paid.—*Secretaries.*]

PROPOSITION OF PUBLISHERS OF GERMAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOOK.

To the Trustees of the General Council:

In response to your invitation that we might make proposals tending to the settlement of the difficulties raised concerning the publishing of the *Sonntagsschul-Buch*, we would answer as follows:

1. That whatever difficulty now exists is not of our creation, and that we could therefore simply rest upon the contract made between the Council and ourselves, so far as the only authorized edition is concerned.

2. The only difficulty we can recognize as real, is that caused by the publishing of a second edition, which militates against the existing contract.

3. We are anxious, however, to have this difficulty removed amicably and as speedily as possible, and to secure such a settlement, we offer the following propositions covering the entire matter, which propositions are not to prejudice the contract now standing, in any direction.

(*a*) We offer to increase the premium we are to pay on the *Sonntagsschul-Buch* from five to six cents per copy.

(*b*) The acceptance of this offer by the General Council to involve the turning over to us, the edition without music, subject to contract similar in character to that made in the case of the regular edition, in which case we offer to pay to the Council four cents per copy premium.

(*c*) We would, however, recommend as good policy that the selling price of the edition with music should be reduced to $30 per hundred rather than that the Council should accept the higher premium.

If this suggestion is adopted, we offer to continue to pay the present premium of five cents per copy.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signed] IG. KOHLER,
BROBST, DIEHL & CO.

The report was received for consideration. As differences of opinion existed in regard to the publication of the books of the General Council, and the contracts heretofore made, it was finally, on motion of Dr. J. A. Seiss,

Resolved, To refer all matters of this kind to the Trustees of the General Council, with instructions to adjust the difficulties that have arisen, in an equitable manner.

As the time of three of the Trustees had expired, it was resolved that the English Secretary of the General Council cast the ballot of the body for the following persons as Trustees, to serve three years, viz: Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D., Mr. J. C. File, and J. A. Geissenhainer, Esq.

The Secretary cast the ballot and announced their election.

The report of the Publication Committee, including the receipts and expenditures, was presented, as follows:

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the instructions given last year, your Committee was enlarged by the addition of two members, one clergyman and one layman. The Rev. R. M. Zimmermann, pastor of St. Paul's English Church at Philadelphia, and Mr. Chas. B. Opp, of Bethlehem, Pa., foreman of a printing house and a member of our Convention at Monroe, Mich., were elected and accepted the position.

The request of the Pittsburgh Synod, that the General Council would establish a Publication House, referred to your Committee, received due consideration. Unanimous in the conviction that it will more aud more become a necessity, your Committee, nevertheless, in view of the fact that our publication affairs are in a state of transition, is of the opinion that the proper time for establishing such a house has not arrived. It would, however, be well to agitate the matter in Church circles, at the meeting of pastoral associations, conferences and synods, so that when necessity compels action all may be prepared for it.

Three plans for obtaining the necessary funds were suggested in Committee, and the hope that they may aid the cause, and possibly suggest other plans, induces your Committee to present them here. The means might be obtained :—

1. By voluntary contributions and bequests.
2. By the issuing of shares, at say ten dollars per share, which can gradually be paid off.
3. The Church might continue to use from the income of her books such premiums as she was entitled to under previous arrangements, leaving any additional income to accumulate as a Publication House Fund.

A combination of these plans was also suggested.

Concerning the books themselves, we present the following :

I. German Church Book.

Of this book 2250 copies of the 16 mo. and 2000 of the 32 mo. editions were printed. The debt of $199.57 remaining last year has been paid, and the book shows a surplus of receipts over expenditures of $987.27.

II. German Catechism with Proof Texts.

A new edition of this Catechism was not necessary during the year ; 708 copies are still on hand, and the debt of $9.80, mentioned in our last report, remains.

III. German Sunday School Book Without Music.

This book was completed about the time of the last Convention of the General Council. During the year 6203 copies have been printed in addition to the 2000 copies reported last year. The debt has been reduced to $312.32, and the value of stock on hand is $429.30, being over $100 more than enough to pay off the entire cost of the book.

IV. Miniature German Catechism (32 Mo.).

At the urgent request of some of our German Sunday Schools, your Committee printed from the plates of the German Sunday School Book Without Music, an edition of Luther's Small Catechism. One thousand copies were issued, and of these eight hundred were sold at $3.00 per hundred. The sales have paid for the edition, and show a surplus of $9.75, with stock on hand worth $6.00.

V. Little Children's Book.

The "Little Children's Book for Schools and Families" was issued during the summer. Two thousand copies were printed, and of these five hundred and forty-eight copies have been sold. The book has received commendatory notices from all the Church papers to which sample copies were sent, and it now remains for all our schools to introduce and use what has been prepared with so much care.

The *Lutherische Kirchenblatt*, *Workman* and *Church Messenger* have kindly inserted the advertisement of this book in their columns gratis.

BOOKS NOT YET CONTROLLED BY YOUR COMMITTEE.

VI. The German Sunday School Book With Music.

The edition of four thousand copies printed before the last convention, on which premiums were paid in full, has not been exhausted, and hence no financial returns are made this year. Five hundred copies are reported as sold.

VII. and VIII. The English Sunday School Book, With and Without Music.

IX. The English Catechism With Proof Texts.

No report concerning these books has been furnished your Committee.

Our Treasurer, Mr. J. C. File, has also, during the past year, attended to the sales of our books without expense to the Church, and deserves our sincere gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted, and the Committee re-appointed, as follows: Rev. F. Wischan, Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, and Mr. J. C. File.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the expenses incurred by the German Church Book Committee in the preparation of that book, be paid by the Treasurer out of the profits arising from the sale of said book.

The report of the Committee on the President's Report, presented the following :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the report presented to this Council by its President, desire to direct attention to the following items, which call for the expression of opinion or action on the part of this body.

1. In regard to the instruction given to the officers of this Council last year, to secure its incorporation, the President states that Mr. Staake, our counsel, is of the opinion that the matter should be deferred until after the present convention. We recommend that Mr. Staake be offered an opportunity to state the case before the Council, at this time.

2. It is recommended that this Council approve the action of our President in authorizing Mr. Staake to resist the attempt of a body of fanatics, to secure a charter, in which they claim to worship God, "according to the Lutheran cultus."

3. The President states that, in compliance with a request made by our Foreign Mission Committee, to endeavor to secure the ordination in Germany, by the proper authorities, of Mr. Wm. Groening, whom we had called to our Mission in India, he applied to the Secretary of ecclesiastical affairs in the Kingdom of Prussia, for a special order to the Evangelical Lutheran Consistory of Kiel, Schleswig-Holstein, to grant such ordination. The application was granted, and the order carried out. We recommend the action of the President be approved with thanks for his prompt efforts in the case.

4. The President states, that during the past year, the Swedish Augustana Synod, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its or-

ganization, and that he sent them, whilst in session in Rockford, Ill., a congratulatory message in the name of this Council. We recommend that the Council hereby heartily approve the fraternal utterances of the President, and give them our unqualified sanction, and assure our Swedish brethren of our confidence, love and earnest prayers for their prosperity.

5. The Synod of Texas, through its President, expresses with regret, their inability to send a delegation to this convention, on the ground of causes beyond their control. He also conveys the hearty thanks of his Synod for the assistance rendered them by this body in their missionary operations. We recommend that the Synod be excused for failure to send a delegation to this convention.

6. We recommend that action on the "Protest of I. Kohler and Brobst, Diehl & Co., against the publication of the German Sunday-school book, without music," be postponed until after the presentation of the report of the Trustees of this body.

7. The appeal of Rev. M. H. Fishburn against the action of the Canada Synod in his case, having been referred to a special committee, we have no recommendation to make.

8. The invitation extended to this body, through our President, to visit the German Hospital in this city, having already been accepted, no further action in regard to it is necessary at present. But the statement, that Mr. J. D. Lankenau, President of the Board of Trustees of this Hospital, has determined to erect on the grounds of the Hospital, necessary buildings for a Deaconess Institute, which is to be in connection with the Lutheran Church, as represented in the General Council, is worthy of grateful acknowledgment and serious attention, as contemplating a most important and blessed work within the sphere of the activities of the church. And we recommend that this Council hereby give assurance of hearty co-operation in this work of charity, and of the fixed purpose, as far as possible, to induce godly women to enter this institution and devote themselves to its works of mercy.

9. The President of "The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America," having expressed, officially, to our President, their grateful acknowledgment of the kindness shown by our representative in New York, to Rev. R. Anderson, in his work among the Danes, it is recommended that we hereby assure them that it gives us pleasure to know that they have been aided by our good offices, and that we hope to be able to render them further assistance.

10. In the last item of the President's Report, attention is called to the fact, that by a provision of the Constitution, one of the duties of this Council is "To collect statistics and information in regard to the Churches within its bounds, and elsewhere." In view of the importance of this subject, and the imperfect manner in which it has hitherto been treated, we recommend that a committee be appointed at this time, to submit a plan at our next convention, by which complete and uniform reports may be secured of the statistics of our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND BELFOUR,
S. LAIRD,
A. RICHTER.
L. M. NOLING,
W. HAUFF.

The report was received and adopted as a whole.

Resolved, That the President of the General Council address a letter of fraternal greeting to the Danish Ev. Lutheran Church of America, a representative of which body is now present in our midst, in the person of Rev. R. Anderson.

On motion the Council adjourned until 2 P. M. Closed with prayer by Rev. G. W. Mechling.

TWELFTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1885—2 P. M.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. F. Wischan.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Committee on Appeal of Rev. M. H. Fishburn, reported as follows, and the report was received and adopted, to-wit:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEAL OF REV. M H. FISHBURN.

After a careful examination of all the evidence placed before us we recommend the adoption of the following: Although we have no reason to doubt that the Synod of Canada had just grounds to proceed in discipline against the appellant, yet, because the proceedings were in some respects irregular in form, we advise the

Synod to re-open this case, and dispose of it in accordance with its own constitution.

Respectfully,

G. W. MECHLING,
J. J. KUENDIG,
G. F. SPIEKER,
HENRY LEHMAN,
W. A. SCHMITTHENNER,
Committee.

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's Report, presented the following, which was adopted, to-wit:

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your Committee has examined the general expense account of the Treasurer of the General Council, has compared the vouchers with the expenditures charged, and found the same correct.

Respectfully,

W. A. SCHMITTHENNER,
C. F. KOPITZSTH,
J. KLINGENSMITH,
Committee.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 19, 1885.

The Committee on church paper as an official organ of this body, presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON A CHURCH PAPER.

The Committee entrusted with the duty of devising a plan for the publication of an official organ of the General Council, respectfully report that they have considered the matter referred to them, and have become convinced that the issue of such a paper would be unadvisable and impracticable. No plan for its publication was submitted to your Committee and they have been unable to devise one, and do not believe one could be devised which could be satisfactorily carried out. They therefore recommend that the whole matter be dismissed, for the present at least, from the consideration of the Council.

W. J. MANN, *Chairman.*
S. LAIRD.
H. E. JACOBS.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 16, 1885.

On motion the Committee on Foreign Missions was reappointed, and the name of Rev. E. E. Sibole substituted for that of Rev. Samuel Laird. It was also resolved that the Committee be authorized

to increase the number of lay members to nine instead of three, as at present.

The Committee consists of Revs. A. Spaeth, D. D., B. M. Schmucker, D. D., C. W. Schaeffer, D. D., E. E. Sibole, F. W. Weiskotten, F. Wischan, M. Englund, C. G. Fischer, H. Grahn, and Messrs. J. C. File, W. H. Staake, Esq. and A. Falberg, with six more laymen to be added.

The Committee to devise a plan for the payment of traveling expenses of delegates to the General Council, presented the following report, which was ordered to be entered upon the minutes but action deferred upon it till the next Convention, except the first part of paragraph five, which was adopted, closing with "General Council."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXPENSES OF DELEGATES.

The Committee appointed to devise and propose a plan for defraying the expenses of delegates to the General Council, begs leave to report:

I. That at present the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, the Ministerium of New York and the Pittsburgh Synod, have no provision for the payment of the expenses of their respective delegates, thereby imposing on their delegates to the Council the whole burden of bearing their own expenses; and that the Ohio, Michigan, Augustana, Canada and Indiana Synods respectively, provide in whole or in part for the expenses of their delegates.

II. That it would be desirable and greatly to the interest of the General Council, as it would secure a larger and more representative attendance of delegates, if some uniform provision were made to pay the necessary traveling expenses of full delegations as elected by the several Synods according to the Constitution.

III. Three ways may be thought of for securing this end:

1. That now partially followed, by which each Synod shall pay the expenses of its delegates out of its own funds or collections.

2. That of aggregating the necessary expenses of all the delegates present at each meeting, and apportioning the same equally among the different Synods according to the number of delegates present from each.

3. The setting apart of the proceeds from the sale of books authorized and published by the Council, and the general revenues of the Council not specifically appropriated, after paying for the minutes and minor current expenses, to pay the necessary traveling expenses of the delegates present at each Convention, or such percentage of these expenses as the funds in hand will suffice to cover at the time.

IV. Your Committee recommends the last named of these plans and proposes:

1. That the Committee on Publications be directed to pay promptly into the Treasury of the General Council all the proceeds and profits from the sale of the books and publications authorized by the General Council, or of which the copyright inheres in the Council; and that all the funds thus paid into the treasury, and all the revenues to the general funds of the Council after paying for the printing of the minutes and other minor expenses, be, and hereby are, appropriated to the payment of the necessary traveling expenses of delegates present at each meeting.

2. That at each Convention of the Council there be appointed a Committee on Mileage, whose duty it shall be to ascertain the lowest necessary traveling expenses of each delegate in attendance, and report according to the funds in the treasury what proportion is due to each, and to issue orders on the Treasurer for the payment of the same.

3. That in so far as the revenues of the General Council and the funds thus appropriated are insufficient at any time to meet in full the necessary traveling expenses of the delegates, each Synod be, and hereby is, requested to provide for the payment of the deficiency in the case of its own delegates.

4. That these arrangements and provisions shall apply only to delegates of such Synods as are at the time in full and regular connection with the General Council, and that no funds belonging to the Council shall be appropriated to the payment of traveling expenses of delegates or others belonging to Synods not in regular connection with this body.

5. That the Trustees of the General Council be directed to inquire into and to arrange for the settlement of the publication and sales of the English Church Book, the copyright and publication of which are in the hands of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, in trust for this body, and to arrange for the payment of the proceeds of the sales of that publication into the treasury of the General Council, so as to be available for the purposes above indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

Jos. A. Seiss,
E. F. Moldehnke,
J. A. Kunkelman,
A. Rodell,
T. H. Diehl,
C. L. Eberhardt,
J. Brezing,
Daniel Kepple.

The Executive Committee of the General Council made the following report on the ordination of candidates in the interim of the Synods, which was adopted as follows:

Concerning the ordination of candidates for the ministry to be in the service of our Home Mission Committees, the Executive Committee of the General Council, after full consideration of this whole matter, proposes the following action:

Resolved, That the General Council requests those District Synods which are as yet without provisions to meet such cases, to make the necessary arrangements, as far as their constitutions will allow, that the candidates who enter their fields of labor at the call of one of our Home Mission Committees, may be examined and ordained if necessary in the interval between the annual meetings of Synod.

A. SPAETH,
S. L. HARKEY,
F. W. WEISKOTTEN,
B. M. SCHMUCKER,
W. H. STAAKE,
J. H. HUNTON,
J. K. MELHORN,
A. V. HOUSE,
PH. KRUG,
ERL. CARLSSON,
J. BREZING.

The following resolutions were offered by Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D., and adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That the incorporation of this body be entrusted to the care of the Trustees.

Resolved, That in case of a new incorporation, the Trustees now in existence shall be the Trustees of the body under its new charter, until the next Convention.

The Committee on Minutes of last Convention, reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF LAST CONVENTION.

Your Committee charged with the examination of the last year's Minutes of the General Council, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find the following items claiming attention at this Convention:

1. On p. 84 the Vice-Presidents are asked to urge the introduction of the church books, and all other publications of the Council, in the congregations of their respective Synods.

Have they done so?

2. Page 102 The German Home Mission Committee was instructed to open correspondence with Pastor Droppa, concerning the Slavonian Missions.

Has this been done? See Report of Ger. H. Committee.

3. Page 103. Items 4, 5 and 6. The various Home Mission Committees were instructed to urge on the pastors of the Council to set apart one day or more each year, for the consideration of the interests of Missions, and to promote the organization of the youth of our congregations into Mission Associations.

Have they done so? Yes.

4. The Vice-Presidents were requested to lay this action before their respective Synods?

Has this been done? Yes.

5. Page 104. The District Synods were asked to recommend the General Council Constitution for congregations, to all our churches for adoption.

Has this duty been discharged? Yes.

6. Page 104. The appointment of a Committee to prepare suitable explanations of Luther's Smaller Catechism for catechumens was provided for, the Committee to be appointed at this Convention.

Shall this Committee be appointed?

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. Kemerer,
F. J. F. Schantz,
H. A. Kuever,
J. Klingensmith,
A. B. Lilja,
Committee.

The report was received and ordered to be entered upon the minutes, the items answered where they occur, and those already acted upon to be stricken out.

In reference to 1st item, the answer was, Pennsylvania and New York Ministeriums, District Synod of Ohio and Canada Synod have attended to the matter. Pittsburg and Indiana Synods have failed. Michigan Synod has made no answer. Augustana Synod will attend to it in due time.

Item 2d. See Report of German Home Mission Committee.

Item 3d. Yes.

Item 4th. Yes.

Item 5th. Yes.

Item 6th. Was answered negatively, and action upon the subject of the catechism with explanations was deferred till next Convention.

Rev. M. C. Horine was excused from farther attendance upon the Convention.

Rev. C. Koerner presented a paper by Rev. R. E. McDaniel, on Woman's Work in the Church, and a committee was appointed to report on the subject at the next Convention of this body. The committee consists of Rev. C. Koerner, Rev. Prof. R. F. Weidner, and Mr. M. L. Melander.

The Rev. G. A. Hinterleitner presented the subject of Relief Associations within the Church, and a Committee was appointed to report a plan at our next Convention, the Committee to have reference to the action heretofore taken by this body, The following is the Committee, viz.: Revs. J. A. Kunkelman, D. D., W. A. Passavant, D. D., G. A. Wenzel, and Messrs. Thomas H. Lane and J. Klingensmith.

The following action was taken upon the subject of the Decatur Mission, to-wit:

DECATUR MISSION.

The General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, at its Eighteenth Annual Convention, in Philadelphia assembled, being reliably informed and believing the truth to be: That that important mission of our church which was recently organized in the City of Decatur, Ill., has made commendable progress in establishing itself into a permanent church, and it satisfactorily appearing to the General Council that said mission has merited and needs some financial aid from our church in general for the purpose of assisting it to ereet a church edifice, and the General Council appreciating this opportunity of rendering to that mission this deserved aid, but existing obligations to similar causes, and the consequent lack of means, impair our ability to give our direct assistance, and the General Council being moved to express its sanction and recommendation of the Decatur Mission to our people for aid, Therefore be it

Resolved, That the same is hereby accordingly done. This recommendation shall not be understood, however, as making this solici-

tation the act of the General Council, nor that the same shall be considered an authoritative request of the General Council for such aid; but the same is only intended to be a recommendation of the Decatur Mission to our members: that their free-will offerings for the purpose stated will be worthily bestowed. The money so collected is to be sent to M. L. Deck, Esq., Treasurer of the said Mission at Decatur, Illinois. May God bless that Mission and this effort!

Invitations for the holding of the next convention were received from the following places, to-wit:—Miamisburg, Ohio, Kingston, Ont., Minneapolis, Minn., and Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. C. Koerner, Pastor, Chicago, Ills. The motion to accept the latter invitation was carried.

The time for holding the next convention was fixed as the Third Thursday in October, A. D. 1886.

The thanks of the convention were extended to the pastor and congregation of St. Johannes, and other pastors and people of Philadelphia, for the admirable hospitality exhibited in the entertainment of the General Council, at its 18th convention.

The thanks of the body were also voted to the reporters of the daily papers, for the full and exceedingly accurate reports given of the proceedings.

The Secretaries were instructed to have the usual number of minutes published, both in German and English.

The District Synods were requested to meet, if possible in their annual conventions, no later than the month of August, so as not to interfere with the meeting of this body.

The minutes of the afternoon session were now read and approved.

The business of the 18th convention having been all transacted, the General Council adjourned in the use of the Litany, Collect, Lord's Prayer, the Battle Hymn, and the Benediction by the President.

S. L. HARKEY,
English Recording Secretary.

STATISTICS OF THE DISTRICT SYNODS.

Synods.	Organized.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Time and Place of next Meeting.
Ministerium of Pennsylvania, -	1748	233	392	88,596	Easton, Pa., Thursday before Trinity Sunday, 1886.
Ministerium of New York, - -	1787	87	87	25,930	St. Peter's Church, New York City, Thursday after first Sunday after Trinity, 1886.
Pittsburg Synod, - - - - - -	1848	88	167	16,189	Saegertown, Pa., August 25, 1886.
District Synod of Ohio, - - -	1857	31	64	7,000	Hicksville, Ohio, September 8, 1886.
Michigan Synod, - - - - - -	1858	29	62	6,600	Kalamazoo, Mich., October 7, 1886.
Augustana Synod (Swedish), - -	1860	214	459	59,448	Minneapolis, Minn., June 18, 1886.
Canada Synod, - - - - - -	1861	24	60	7,200	St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, Ont., Wednesday after Whitsuntide, 1886.
Texas Synod, - - - - - - -	1851	32	53	5,500	Yorktown, Texas, Thursday before Jubilate Sunday, 1886.
Indiana Synod, - - - - - -	1871	15	31	2,255	Olney, Illinois, Thursday before Trinity Sunday, 1886.
Holston Synod, - - - - - -	1861	14	28	1,944	
In Unity of Faith.					
Synod of Iowa, - - - - - -	1854	181	337	87,193	1888.
Norwegian Augustana Synod, -	1860	24	56	7,000	
Total, - -		972	1,796	314,855	

PUBLIC SERVICES.

Thursday morning, 10 o'clock, October 15, 1885. Opening Sermon—Rev. E. F. Moldehnke, Ph. D.

Thursday evening. Foreign Missions, St. John's Church, English—Addresses by Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D., Rev. J. L. Sibole, and Rev. W. Ashmead Schaeffer.

Friday evening. Home Missions, St. Mark's Church, English—Addresses by Rev. E. Carlson, Rev. C. Koerner, Rev. Prof. R. F. Weidner, Rev. S. Laird, Rev Dr. G. F. Krotel.

Lord's Day. Most of the Lutheran pulpits of Philadelphia were filled by members of the Council.

Monday evening. Choral Service in the Church of the Holy Communion, which the members of the General Council attended in a body.

Services in the German language were also held in the St. Johannes Church, in the interest of Foreign Missions, on Thursday evening, and of Home Missions on Friday evening.

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REV. J. K. MELHORN, President of Pittsburgh Synod.
REV. J. H. HUNTON, President of District Synod of Ohio.
REV. C. L. EBERHARD, President of Michigan Synod.
REV. E. CARLSON, President of Augustana Synod.
REV. J. BREZING, President of Canada Synod.
REV. H. MERZ, President of Texas Synod.
REV. A. V. HOUSE, President of Indiana Synod.
BEV. A. J. BROWN, D. D., President of Holston Synod.

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English Committee on Home Missions.—Rev. G. F. Krotel, D. D.; Rev. S. Laird; Rev J. A. Seiss, D. D., LL. D.; Rev. F. J. F. Schantz; Rev. J. K. Plitt; and Messrs. J. Jacob Mohr, W. W. Kurtz, L. K. Stine, M. D., P. A. Keller, and Henry Beates, Treasurer, 224 N. Third St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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Immigrant Mission Committee.—Revs. J. H. Baden; C. G. Lindberg; L. Koenig; J. C. J. Peterson; and Messrs. William Hauff, John Mohler, W. A. Schmitthenner, L. F. I. Anger, Henry Guenther.

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Committee on Woman's Work in the Church.—Revs. C. Koerner; Prof. R. F. Weidner; and Mr. M. L. Melander.

Committee on Relief Associations in the Church.—Revs. J. A. Kunkelman, D. D.; W. A. Passavant, D. D.; G. A. Wenzel; and Messrs. Thomas H. Lane, and J. Klingensmith.

Trustees of General Council.—H. Lehman, A. Bendel, and W. H. Staake, Esq., till 1887. Revs. A. Spaeth, D. D.; S. Laird; H. E. Jacobs, D. D.; till 1886. Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D., LL. D.; and Messrs. J. C. File, and J. A. Geissenhainer, Esq., till 1888.

Committee on Publication.—Revs. F. Wischan; F. W. Weiskotten; and Mr. J. C. File.

Archivarius.—Rev. W. J. Mann, D. D.

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APPENDIX B.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PUBLICATION AND SALE OF THE BOOKS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

Your Treasurer presents the following statement of receipts and expenditures:

I. The German Church Book.

RECEIPTS.

For 1,182 bound, large; 1,407 bound, small; for 912 copies in sheets, large, and 1,496 sheets, small	$2,437 45

EXPENDITURES.

Cost of printing 2,250 large and 2,000 small	$ 543 61	
Binding 1,349 large and 1,800 small	707 00	
Total	$1,250 61	
Due the Treasurer last year	199 57	
		$1,450 18
Surplus		$ 987 27

COMPARISON OF STOCK.

	Bound large.	Bound small.	Sheets large.	Sheets small.
On hand October 15, 1884	691	497	500	3200
Added since	1349	1800	2250	2000
Total	2040	2297	2750	5200
Sold	1182	1407	912	1496
Stock on hand	858	890	1838	3704
			Bound 1349	1800
			Stock on hand 489	1904

II. German Sunday School Book Without Music.

EXPENDITURES.

Cost of plates, and printing 2,000, as reported last year	$ 526 05	
Printing, paper, etc., for 6,203 copies additional	345 85	
Binding 1,823 in boards, 6,429 in muslin, 125 gilt edge, 6 morocco, (8,203)	534 97	
Total		$1,406 87

RECEIPTS.

From sale of 1,279 in boards, 4,468 muslin, 50 gilt edge, 6 morocco	$1,094 55
Deficit	$ 312 32

Stock on hand: Boards, 546; muslin, 1,710; gilt edge, 75. Value of stock on hand at 100 rate, $429.30. (Fifty-three copies were distributed for notice as sample copies.)

III. Miniature German Catechism.

RECEIPTS.

For 800 copies at $3 per 100	$24 00

EXPENSES.

Printing and stitching 1,000 copies	14 25
Surplus	$ 9 75

Value of stock of 200 copies on hand, $6.00.

IV. Little Children's Book.

EXPENSES.

Cost of plates and boxes for storing same	$392 96	
Paper	87 08	
Printing and "Copy Right"	37 00	
Binding 800 in boards and 1,196 in muslin	160 83	
Total		$677 87

RECEIPTS.

Sold: 222 in muslin, 326 in boards	$149 06
Deficit	$528 81

Stock on hand: 472 boards, 909 muslin.
Value of stock on hand at 100 rate, $417.97.

RECAPITULATION.

SURPLUS.

German Church Book	$987 27	
Miniature German Catechism	9 75	
		$997 02

INDEBTEDNESS.

German Sunday School Book without Music	$312 32	
German Catechism with Proof Texts	9 80	
Little Children's Book	528 81	
		$850 93
Surplus over all debts		$146 09

The total *Receipts* were	$3,705 06
The total expenses amounted to	3,558 97
Surplus	$ 146 09

No money from other publications was received during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. FILE, *Treasurer.*

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APPENDIX.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS,

JULY, 1884, TO JUNE, 1885.

When the last annual report was presented, in October, 1884, the death of Rev. H. G. B. Artman had just been learned. The Mission was placed in sore extremity by that sad event. Our Missionary longest in the field, Rev. H. C. Schmidt, was in America; the one next longest in service, Rev. I. K. Poulsen, was engaged actively in his separate and important field at Samulcotta, and his removal would have almost destroyed the work there. The Committee, therefore, imposed the superintendence of the schools and congregation at Rajahmundry, and the oversight of the country districts, except that of Tallapudi, on Rev. F. S. Dietrich, assisted by Rev. F. J. MacCready, to whom the Tallapudi district had been assigned. The burden laid on Mr. Dietrich was very heavy, especially as the onerous duties of the treasurership were also assigned to him. It was not thought best to request Mr. Schmidt to return at once to India, because not less than two winters at home could restore his health in full, and he had been engaged the whole summer in a continuous series of meetings, which had prevented his speedy recovery of strength. But the native Pastors and Teachers proved so efficient that the Mission work has suffered less than we expected. A call was extended to Mr. William Grœnning, son of our venerable former Missionary, Rev. C. W. Grœnning, of Ballum, Schleswig, to engage in the service of our Mission, and the call was accepted. Mr. Grœnning is now at sea on his way to India, to take charge of the schools at Rajahmundry. Mr. Schmidt has also returned to India, and is again at work. A student who graduated at our Seminary at Philadelphia, and was ordained in June by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, who was born and grew up in the Telugu country, Rev. W. G. Hudson, proposed to go out to India in our service; but he also desired to spend a year in pastoral labor and study before going out. He has offered to go out next year if it should be decided to send him.

The native Pastors, Joseph and Paulus, have continued their labors in their old districts, and in the Velpur district especially the work has greatly enlarged. The Mission house at Tallapudi has been begun, and the return of Mr. Schmidt will enable Mr. MacCready to devote himself to the care of the work there and in the surrounding district. Nothing has been done in the matter of the Mission house at Dowlaishwaram, Mr. Dietrich's future field, as his time was fully occupied during the past year.

We will now take up several events of the year's history, and present an account of the various parts of the Mission work.

THE DEATH OF REV. H. G. B. ARTMAN.

At the date of the last report we knew only the fact of Mr. Artman's death, which overwhelmed us with sadness. He had returned June 14, from a stay at Bimlipatam, undertaken chiefly on account of Mrs. Artman's feebleness, and he himself was unusually well. He administered the communion at Rajahmundry, Dowlaishwaram, and in the Tallapudi district, and may have been exposed to fever in the Rampa section. He threw himself with untiring zeal into his school work at the opening of the schools in July, and undertook the establishment of a Mohammedan Girls' School. Suddenly he was attacked by fever, and, after a short illness, died at 4 A. M., September 18th. Mr. Dietrich was with him in his illness, and Mr. Poulsen came before the end. The latter wrote, September 23: "I was very glad indeed that I came in time. I received a telegram on Tuesday, saying that Artman was seriously ill—come immediately. I started an hour afterward, and arrived on Wednesday at noon. Brother A. recognized me at once, and seemed to be so happy that I had come. He spoke quite sensibly, and to use Mrs. Artman's expression, he was quite jolly. Mrs. A., Henry, Henry's John, and I, were with him when he departed peacefully. I watched at his bed that night, and in his wandering talks he would always speak of his work, and once he cried aloud, 'Jesus Christ!' and these were the last intelligible words he uttered. I can not in words express my grief at the death of dear Artman, for although we differed in our views about the Hindu High School, I loved and esteemed him much, and he always showed himself to me as a dear personal friend. I always found him able, as every one ought to be, to separate differences of view from personalities. Our Mission has, according to our short-sightedness, sustained an irreparable loss. He had his heart fully in his work, had a very good knowledge of Telugu, and was always willing to assist and co-operate with us all. If he had

any fault (if fault it can be called) it was, as I often told him, that he undertook too much and overworked himself."

Mr. Schmidt wrote, September 22d: "Can it be possible that dear Brother Artman has been called to his rest? Who can understand the Lord's doings? The future seemed to lie so bright before us, and now such clouds! I expected that Brother Artman would become a pillar in our Mission field."

Mr. MacCready wrote, November 21st: "The loss sustained by the death of Mr. Artman is felt alike by all classes of men here. I mourn his departure greatly. In him I have lost my best friend. Truly did we love him. Hundreds of heads are bowed down with grief, and many are the tears shed. All agree that his place cannot be filled. He was a true Missionary. His memory will ever remain in this town."

Mr. Dietrich, in his letters, time and again shows his deep sense of the loss to himself and the Mission, and he ministered with much tenderness to him in his sickness, as well as showed his care for Mrs. Artman and the children after his death.

The Conference of Pastors and Teachers, at their annual meeting, adopted resolutions expressing their feeling toward him, which are found in the Minutes.

In this country a memorial service was held in St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, of which both he and Mrs. Artman had been members, on the 5th of November. The Father Heyer Missionary Society, of the Seminary at Philadelphia, which he had been instrumental in organizing, took action, which was published in our papers.

Artman Memorial.—It has been thought fitting that some memorial of Mr. Artman should be erected. Many friends have expressed a desire that this should be done. Some suggestions have been made as to the character of the memorial. Rev. Mr. Schmidt, who was in this country when the news arrived, proposed to St. Mark's Church that a Memorial Church should be built in one of the country pastorates, and provided with a moderate endowment for the support of the native Pastor, to be drawn from lands purchased and leased to Christians, thus forming the nucleus of a permanent Christian settlement and church. In the absence of any other proposed plan, this project met with much sympathy. The proposal was communicated to the other Missionaries, and their views asked. None of them gave the proposal a warm support. Indeed it may be said that this proposal, if accepted, would secure an object greatly desired by Mr. Schmidt, but one which had no connection with Mr. Artman's whole work in India, which was in the Mission schools. Some of the other Missionaries suggested that

an endowment be made, the revenue of which would support a native Pastor.

Your Committee are of opinion that a Memorial should be made, and that it should have close connection with Mr. Artman's work in India; therefore it should be connected with the permanent school system at Rajahmundry. It would be well to take measures at once to secure funds for the Memorial, and allow its precise form to be decided on hereafter. It is probable that our schools at Rajahmundry may soon take a more definite shape, and then probably a most fitting Memorial Building, or Endowment, may suggest itself in connection with them.

The Committee took the following action on this subject, at its meeting in June: "Inasmuch as gifts are offered for a Memorial to the late Rev. H. G. B. Artman, and as we are not yet prepared to designate the form which such Memorial should have;

Resolved, That all the moneys which have been, or may be received for this purpose, shall be kept in a separate account by the Treasurer, to be applied solely to a Memorial of Mr. Artman, of such character as shall hereafter be determined on.

Mrs. Artman's Services and Return. After Mr. Artman's death the Committee requested Mrs. Artman to remain in the Mission and superintend the Girls' Schools, and labor in the Zenana work, at least until the return of Mrs. Schmidt, and afterward if she would. They also allowed her a moderate compensation, she continuing to occupy Riverside. She cheerfully consented to do so, and indeed felt as if her heart and home were in India. But her child, born September 6, shortly before the death of its father, was taken March 17; and she was constrained to decide to return home. She wrote, April 3, "It is with much sorrow that I leave India and the work here, as it has been a happy home to me for more than four years, and it is painful especially to think that I must leave when laborers are so much needed. But I am not leaving thoughtlessly, but after much prayer this seems the only way open to me. All the other Missionaries agree with me in this."

Mrs. Artman sailed from Madras May 4, and arrived here June 25. She and her remaining two children are now in Philadelphia.

MR. SCHMIDT'S RETURN TO INDIA.

Soon after the last meeting of the Council, Mr. Schmidt returned to Denmark. The long lists of Missionary meetings attended by him during his five months stay in this country show that he was very actively engaged while here, and we hope that his efforts and those of

Mrs. Schmidt increased the interest in the Mission. He sailed from New York, Nov. 13, on the "Lessing" for Hamburg. He remained in Denmark until June 17, 1885, when, precisely two years after his arrival at home, he left for London and sailed, July 2, on the S. S. Sutlej of the Peninsular and Oriental line for Madras. Letters were received from him at Gibraltar July 7, and Port Said. He arrived at Madras Aug. 2, and was kindly entertained by Missionary Handman of the Leipsic Mission, where he found six Missionaries lately arrived from Leitzig. All our Missionaries have been cordially welcomed by Mr. Handman ever since we have had charge of the work. We would give expression to our sense of his kindness. From Madras, Mr. Schmidt went, Aug. 6, to Coconada, where he was met by Mr. MacCready and the "Dove of Peace." They went by canal to Samulcotta to visit the Poulsens, and tarried until midnight, when they returned to the boat and started for Rajahmundry, arriving there Aug. 9, in the evening. In the morning they were welcomed by the school teachers and pupils in procession. Mr. Schmidt writes, Aug. 17, "It is almost impossible for us to realize that we have been away for more than two years. All looks as if we had only returned from a tour in the district. I found everything much the same as it was when we left. Two years work no such great changes in India as in America."

CALL TO INSPECTOR WILLIAM GRŒNNING.

The death of Mr. Artman left the Mission Schools without a head. He had been very anxious for the enlargement and elevation of the schools, and had opened several new departments about which we were very much concerned. Mr. Schmidt when here expressed his conviction that if a call were extended to William Grœnning, to go to India and take charge of the schools, that he would accept it. Mr. Schmidt was authorized to enquire of Mr. Grœnning whether he would accept such a call. Indeed Mr. Schmidt thought he had been authorized in the name of the Committee to extend the call to Mr. Grœnning. Mr. Grœnning gave his consent, and the official call was given him at the meeting held Jan. 26, 1885, and was accepted by him Feb. 23. William Grœnning, the son of Rev. Chr. Wm. Grœnning, formerly Missionary in India, was born at Guntur, Sept. 29, 1852, where his father was stationed. When six years old he was taken to Schleswig by his father on a visit home; so that, though he could talk Telugu when a child, it is no longer familiar to him. He was left at home to be sent to school, at first with teacher Diercks, near Hamburg, after which his uncle Nagel took him into his house at Hamburg and sent him to the private school of Dr. Gleiss. When his parents finally returned to

Schleswig he was with them at Hadersleben, where he attended the Gymnasium. At 19 years of age he was sent to the University. He studied at Kiel, Leipzig and Erlangen. After leaving the University he was engaged as assistant in the Mission Institute at Brecklum, when the Inspector, Hoeber, was sick. In March, 1879, Hoeber died, and Mr. Grœnning was chosen as his successor. He has filled this office of Inspector at Brecklum until his acceptance of the call to our Mission. He was married Aug. 6, 1880, to a daughter of Val. L. Meyer, a merchant at Hamburg, and a very earnest friend of Mission work. Mrs. G. was born at Liverpool, where her father resided at the time. She is probably familiar with the English language. Since deciding to go to India, Mr. Grœnning has been engaged in acquiring some knowledge of medicine, so as to be useful in cases of sickness and accident when necessary.

An application was made to the General Superintendent of Schleswig, Dr. Goth, for the ordination of Mr. Grœnning, but it was necessary first to secure the authorization of the Minister of Ecclesiastical Affairs at Berlin. An application made by your Committee met an immediate and favorable response, and direction to the proper persons was issued for the ordination. Mr. Grœnning was ordained, Aug. 23, at Bruegge in Schleswig, by Consistorial-Councillor Clausen, assisted by Pastors Langreen of Flintbek and Selk of Bordesholm. We would express our gratitude for the kindness and courtesy, as well as the interest in Mission work manifested by the authorities in Schleswig and the higher authorities at Berlin, in consenting to the ordination of Mr. Grœnning. That ordination secures to him a recognition and an entrance at home, if he should be compelled to return in future. Mr. Grœnning left London, Sept. 12, on his voyage to India. He has probably reached his destination by this time.

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Rajahmundry District.—Revs. H. G. B. Artman, F. S. Dietrich, and Rev. F. J. MacCready, as Assistant.

The Missionaries Artman and Dietrich had charge of the schools and congregation at Rajahmundry and of those in that district, in the Tallapudi District and at Dowlaishwaram, until the death of Mr. Artman and the arrival of Mr. MacCready; after that time Mr. Dietrich, assisted by Mr. MacCready, had the care of all except the Tallapudi District; which was under the care of the latter.

Congregation at Rajahmundry. In the services held in Telugu, the Head Teachers and Catechists assisted largely after Mr. Artman's death, as Mr. Dietrich's knowledge of the Telugu is not yet such as to enable him to use it without careful preparation, but he now preaches regularly once a month, and Mr. MacCready also preaches in Telugu. The English services have been regular.

The Reformation Festival was an occasion of no little interest. The hymns, including a translation of "Ein feste Burg," were carefully practiced by the children and were well sung. J. John Henry conducted the services, the responses were sung by a choir of scholars. The church was nearly full, a few Hindus being present, and the whole school force. On Sunday, Oct. 5, eight persons were confirmed, and there were 100 communicants. Of the service at Christmas, Mr. Dietrich writes: "It would have done those who are so little interested in our Mission work much good if they could have been present at our Christmas services. The church was nicely decorated with green leaves, young banana trees, cocoanut leaves and flowers, and the finest flowers of all, a crowd of Christians. When I sat and looked over the crowded church, I could not help but be moved almost to tears to think that such a Christmas could be enjoyed in a heathen land. Five were confirmed and 120 partook of the Lord's Supper,—more than at any time before. The services lasted from a little after 8 o'clock A. M. to nearly 11. Second Christmas Day is *Children's Day.* Mr. J. Kelsall, Judge of the Godavery District, gives yearly 30 rupees to furnish the poor Christians a meal on this day. To-day they are happy preparing for the supper and Christmas tree, this evening at 6 o'clock. These 30 rupees ($12.30) will furnish a meal for about 300 or 350 persons. The tree is for the school children. They have a nice programme this year. The presents are usually a coat, candy, an orange and bananas for each child. For about $6 fruit and candy enough for 400 children can be bought. How happy they are! I wish you could hear them sing their Telugu hymns. Many come in from the villages to see these things." [The cost of these gifts is borne by the Missionaries and their friends.] "Our own Mission church and the English church are the only places of Christian worship, and besides them there are four or five small heathen temples and several Mohammedan mosques. The present chaplain of the English church is the Rev. English, who lives in Coconada, and ministers here once in every two weeks. This church is attended by Europeans and the descendants of Europeans, born in Asia, and who are commonly called Eurasians. It numbers between sixty and eighty members. Of regular Europeans there are

usually about six families here. To the membership of this church no natives of this country are admitted.

"Our Mission church is the only one that admits natives of India. So far, no other Church has undertaken to do Missionary work in Rajahmundry; and, indeed, according to the rules governing Missions, it would not be allowed. You will be surprised to hear how few Christians there are in this city. Our Missionaries have been laboring here a good many years already, and yet very few members of our Church have been gathered from the city itself; the most of them have moved hither from the surrounding villages. We have about 120 communicants, and only 60 of them are natives of Rajahmundry. I cannot give any satisfactory reason for this. One reason may be found in the fact that so large a portion of the population consists of caste people, and they do not show anything like a disposition to turn to Christ. Now and then we meet with some who seem to be anxiously seeking the way of life; also many come and appear to be enquiring for the truth, but they often prove to be arrant deceivers. We baptized a caste man quite recently, and I have a good hope that many will follow his example. If we could win over the caste people for Christ, then our work in Rajahmundry would be established. It may seem strange when I say that in some of the villages we have as many Christians as in Rajahmundry; but so it is.

"From all this we may see that there is yet much work to be done here. This is our central station, our headquarters, and so far there are not more than three or four out of one thousand converted. Again, I say, it may be seen that much earnest work yet remains to be done. These heathen will not be converted to Christ simply by hearing one or two discourses. We have to lay hold of them, to grapple with them, and keep on opening up the Scriptures."

The very interesting story of the caste convert is told in the June number of the *Foreign Missionary*, and we can learn from it at what great peril a confession of Christ is made by any from the upper castes in India. Several others, who have been pupils in the Hindu High School, have been almost persuaded to become Christians, but they have not yet had courage to brave the perils and opposition they would encounter. The arrival of Mr. Schmidt will relieve Mr. Dietrich of the care of the congregation, of which the former will now resume the charge.

Dowlaishwaram. Services have continued to be held here regularly in the house erected for school and church. Little has been done toward the erection of the Mission house, which has been delayed by the duties which engaged Mr. Dietrich's time. He has been looking out

for a suitable location, but we have not yet learned that it has been secured. When Mr. Grœnning arrives, with Mr. Schmidt also at Rajahmundry, the time and attention of Mr. Dietrich can be given more fully to this field.

Superintendence of the District. Notwithstanding his many engagements, Mr. Dietrich, has made one complete visitation of all the congregations and schools in the whole country portion of our work, except that connected with Samulcotta. He was attended by J. William, the Inspector of the Schools, and in their own districts by the native Pastors. He writes, Nov. 12, 1884: "I have been traveling in the district most of the time during the last two weeks. I must try to get over the whole field before Christmas. I am now at Tallapudi and expect to spend four days up here. Next week I shall go to the Velpur District. The spiritual field is ripening more and more. Daily some are gathered into the fold. I think the number of Baptisms in 1884 will exceed those of any previous year. But there are unending troubles with those who come newly from heathenism." Feb. 27, he writes again: I was out over two weeks again. I visited about 30 villages with Rev. Paulus, and nearly 100 were baptized. It is really a pleasure to travel in that part of our field. The villages are large, and the people are not much set against Christianity. In one village the work had not yet commenced when Rev. Schmidt left, and now we have a school of more than 50 children, and we had an audience of nearly a hundred Christians."

Tallapudi District, Rev. F. J. MacCready.

Mr. MacCready arrived at Bombay October 8th, 1884, and went to Madras, eight hundred miles, by rail. At this place he was entertained by Mr. Handman. He visited the grave of Missionary Carlson in the Lutheran cemetery, at which a tombstone has been erected by Mrs. Carlson. He started from Madras Oct. 14, and was met at Coconada by Mr. Dietrich and the Dove of Peace, which bore him to Rajahmundry, where he arrived Oct. 18. He assisted in the instruction and care of the schools there, not visiting his special field until after the January meeting of the Conference, in company with other Missionaries. Since then he has frequently visited Tallapudi and its adjacent stations, and has given an account of the work there in his report.

The erection of the Mission house at Tallapudi has been delayed by the necessity of retaining Mr. MacCready at Rajahmundry until Mr. Schmidt arrives. But the materials have been purchased and prepared, and at latest date the work had been begun. Some difficulties arose about

securing a sure title to the ground which had been purchased by Mr. Schmidt, but they have been overcome and the title made sure. The grounds embrace two acres, and cost $73.80. The plan of the house was prepared by an architect, and estimates for it carefully made out. The main building is, in inside measurement, 50 by 18 feet, divided into three rooms, of which the central room is 18 by 18 feet, the two side rooms, each 18 by 16 feet. In front there is a verandah along the whole length; the verandah in the rear has a bath room cut off and enclosed at each end. The estimates make the cost $1785.00, to which must be added the cost of enclosing the grounds.

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In all undertaken—in all accomplished, the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ was felt. The servant went forth and preached, and the Lord worked with him. In the ingathering of sheaves, He was with us to share in our joy, in our failures He was not far from us. He came to us with words of encouragement and cheer, and bade us not to faint on the way, nor to grow weary in well doing. To Him alone be praise and glory for whatever of success was meted out to us.

From time to time the privilege was enjoyed of making periodical visits into the district. It is a vast field. I am thankful of this: I was naturally drawn towards the places assigned me, and whenever opportunity occurred, I repaired thither. Most of the summer holidays were passed in and around Tallapudi. There, here, and everywhere, the one great object is to make known Christ crucified. The joy and pleasure of which we are made partakers, in telling of the love of the Father and the Saviour toward the erring and the wandering, awaits us on all sides. While the work is divided, and each one has his particular sphere, yet the work is common to all. Thus the same messenger sounds the gospel trumpet in the lowlands and among the hills. Outside of our own field we have the same interest, the one desire to glorify the Redeemer.

The Work in General.—1, Missionary work, or itinerating; 2, Pastoral; 3, School; 4, Building.

1. *Direct Missionary Work.* I have traveled almost over the whole territory. Abundant opportunities were given of delivering the message and bearing witness. The higher classes come together and listen not attentively. The young men generally interrupt the speaker with questions, their object being to draw away the attention of the audience, and to divert it into a different channel. These men are troublesome. Having ears, they do not lend them to the story of the sweet gospel. Others are not permitted to hear. Sometimes they quite bewilder me with questions from all directions. Many voices are at

once raised in questions and arguments. One hardly knows which one to take up. While in most cases the Missionary meets with such spirit of opposition and ridicule, where the people know the speaker by personal intercourse and by reputation, they respect him and his message, and he has so much influence over them as by a single request to quiet the disturbing spirits. The people soon silence an upstart, should the request of the Missionary be unheeded by him. In one place, Guddigudiem, the Rajahs (people of the caste of kings, who own the village) and their friends and employees were so interested in the story of the cross, that our preaching was conducted far into the night.

To the pariahs—the chucklers and other people of low caste and no caste, the gospel sound is welcome. They are simple and ignorant people. In choosing our place for preaching, the part of the village occupied by chucklers and malas is generally selected. The people are ready and willing to give ear. Besides, the women join the men in listening. Most of our converts, or all come from among them; hence we work chiefly in their midst. But few of the Christians in the Tallapudi District are malas. Mr. Artman baptized one family and I several males of this caste. Thus we have mala Christians in only two villages in the whole District. This is accounted for in this way: when Christianity enters a place, should those who first embrace it be of the mala (which is not the lowest) caste, others will join us; but should the firstfruits come from the chucklers, the malas keep aloof. This is caused by a feeling of caste. Even among our own people this feeling shows itself. The influence in this direction, which surrounds them is very strong. In forming marriage connections, mala Christians choose mates coming from, or descendants of, high caste people, or of the mala caste. I have not heard of a mala and chuckler Christian living together as man and wife.

Number of new villages occupied permanently, 3. Number occupied temporarily during the holidays (by normal students), 1. Places of importance requiring immediate attention, 4. These places are large villages and centres of trade and business. Opportunity is here seized of referring to the great need of the teachers in schools. The cry on every side is for more of these men. As our spheres become wider the number required increases. In this district alone, at present, we could make use of at least a dozen men. The prospects of securing many are very scanty. In the normal school are not more than six. These men are to be divided between at least four districts at the end of the year.

(The remainder of this report had not come to hand Oct. 9th, and therefore could not be given.)

Velpur District, Rev. N. Paulus.

Report for 1884.—I am thankful to be able to say, that the gospel was preached during this year in many new villages, and that many more have been added to the little flock. The Christian villages and those in which enquirers are found have increased in number, and the people are more and more enabled to see that their religion is false. Wherever the gospel is preached it is listened to with much attention and esteem. The work of the Lord progressed last year, though it met with some hindrances from cholera and other plagues. The people are giving up their old prejudices, owing to their knowledge of the good which Christianity is doing. Although the higher classes do not like to accept the religion, still their opinions concerning the truth are favorable. They are afraid to receive the truth because they know that many troubles will come upon them. In some of the villages the higher classes advise the lower classes to become Christians and send their children to school for education. The teachers are doing their duty well as far as convenient, and are bringing more souls to Christ every year. Every year the school children increase in number, and many more have a desire to become Christians. The harvest is great, the laborers are few. I hope the Lord of the harvest will provide us with laborers. The report for 1884 gives the following

Statistics.—Village preachers, 2; Sunday-school, 1; Sunday-school teacher, 1; Sunday-school scholars, 30; Schools, 16; Teachers, 16; Scholars, 280; Congregations, 22; Baptized members, including children, 900; Baptized in 1884, adult and infant, 277; Communicants, 440; Deaths, 19, Christian villages, 35; Enquiring villages, 20; Marriages in the year, 9.

In his diary which accompanies his report, Rev. Paulus gives an account of opposition encountered: "On the Sunday after Christmas, when we were making preparations for our morning service, the enemies of Christianity, mischievous devotees of Hinduism, amounting to nearly two hundred in number, came all of a sudden and tried to fall on me and make me their devotee. I frightened them off, some how or other, and escaped from their hand by the grace of God. The conspirators call themselves 'Ramadandu,' meaning the army of Rama. Their aim is to make those whom they meet utter the word 'Gorinda,' which is one of the names of Kristna, their God. The conspirators made every effort to seize me and to force me to join their army, if not to injure me. They, with much passion, uprooted the young plants and small trees, and destroyed the palmyra verandah of our church. As some friends of ours (Hindus) interfered, they all went away unwillingly, chasing all of us. In the afternoon they made another at-

tempt to come to our house, but were forced by our friends to go away. I wrote to the police for some help, and three constables were sent; nevertheless in the evening they made another attempt to come down on us all, but the constables and some Hindu friends made every effort to send them away, and they were forced to withdraw. They are troubling our Christians everywhere and doing all sorts of mischief. In one village they burned the Bible and some school books at night, in addition to destroying the schoolhouse. In another village they destroyed some houses of Christians. I reported the case to the police.

"During the whole of last year our work was a little slackened owing to the plagues of small pox and cholera. Some of our Christians were called away. I have every reason to believe that the Lord will bring many more souls into his field. We are much in want of teachers for the Christian villages. I hope the Lord will provide us with them."

Jagurupad District, Rev. T. Joseph.

STATISTICS. VILLAGES.	Christians.	Communicants	Christian Children.	Enquirers.	Schools.	Scholars.
Jagurupad	103	53	42	15	1	20
Muramunda	51	26	21	3	1	16
Adithy	4	2	2	1	1	3
" Tavaram	4	2	2	...	...	...
Nuvvapet	8	3	5	3	...	...
Polavaram	10	8	2	1	1	12
Ratti	1	1	...	...	...	...
Lollah	31	29	2	12	1	15
Antripuram	1	1	...	1	...	...
Peravaram	18	11	6	...	1	8
Haimageri	11	6	5	4	1	12
Rajulu	1	1	...	...	...	...
Ramachendrapuram	5	1	4	1	...	...
Biekole	2	2	...	2	1	5
Total	250	146	91	43	8	91

Report for 1884.—Since two or three years, I am sorry to say, the Canadian Baptists from Coconada are against my work by all means. They try their best to come into my places, as they have done in some of my villages. I know that the gospel should be preached to sinners through the children of God, from different Missions. But every child of God should remember that they must serve the Lord in the beauty of holiness; but I guess that the Baptists do forget it. In a

number of villages the gospel is not yet preached : they may go and preach the gospel in such places. I have a great loss by them. Some of the enquiring villages kept back on account of the lack of laborers. When I go to the villages to preach the gospel, the people, as soon as they hear the gospel, ask for a school. When they find that they cannot get one, they change their mind. Work there is too much, but the workmen few. In most of the villages in my district there is small pox. Many heathens have lost their lives, but I thank God that although some of our Christians were attacked, all were saved from it by the Lord. I pray the Lord to send more workmen to our Mission field and bless and increase our whole work.

Samulcotta District, Rev. I. K. Poulsen.

On Sunday, Sept. 7, 1884, the school and meeting-house were consecrated. The meeting-room was entirely filled with Christians, and communion was given to thirty-four persons. The building is a plain house with verandah on both sides. It is divided into two equal parts. When the whole should be required for divine service, the partition, which is a broad folding-door, can be thrown open, and then it is almost as one room. In a country like this, where nobody can be trusted, building is troublesome for a Missionary who could not allow that kind of work to hinder his more important and real Mission work. I once heard about a Missionary here in India who would not give a carpenter ten annas a day out of Mission money, and so he worked himself, but forgot the much larger sum he was paid himself. I have not allowed that work to interfere much with my real work, but have also got many a headache by looking after it in the heat of the day, after having been to villages in the mornings.

In four new villages I have baptized during the year, some of which, near the jungles (mountains) were by the road about thirty miles off.

Considering the difficulty in breaking up an entirely new field, I can only be thankful that we have been able to gather into the Church as many as we have. The chief obstacles are that my teachers are almost all but boys, with little capability for the great work. That will not be remedied in our Mission until we get a European Missionary to give himself entirely to teaching in our Boarding Schools, and thereby impart to our scholars our Western morals and way of teaching.

In the Boarding School we have had great trials. Often the boys find that they like better to play with their fellows in their villages than to be here to read ; and their mothers, who are not Christians, and look with great suspicion at this new religion, are glad to shelter them when they run away from here. Just before Christmas holidays

we had only nine, and although these were to have been back here on the 10th inst., only five of them have returned yet. Until they get a little taste for the benefit of learning, which the low classes have not, they will not suffer the separation from their children, and the children will not leave their parents unless coaxed. Although the fathers are Christians, their voices indoors have but little influence.

Another trouble is that the boys here want to have the money for their boarding paid to them monthly, as the Baptists do—a system I do not like, and for this reason some of them have shown a tendency to go down there.

Besides managing the boarding affairs and teaching them, the boys and two girls to sew, and helping them make their clothes, Mrs. Poulsen visits now and then native caste women in Samulcotta and Bhemawarum, but the distance is too great for her to walk, to do so as often as she would like.

By the mercy of God our health, as well as that of our children, of whom we have three here besides the three at home, has been on the whole good. But my kind of work here exposes me a great deal to the sun. Riding on horseback several miles in a scorching sun is not pleasant in this country. Twice I have been struck down almost senseless, and with the exception of the few colder months I am almost unfit for work after my tour in the morning. It is not like traveling in a boat on the canals, where no bodily exertion is needed, and we have some shelter from the sun.

We work on cheerfully, and do not complain; but besides other things in the work, the climate and loneliness are often trying, and I often wonder at my dear wife's strength. We seldom see a white face. During the year my wife has not left Samulcotta except two times, when she went to Coconada and stayed a few days with our dear friends, the Durhams, the English Government chaplain, who were so kind to Mr. Carlson when he was taken ill. I am sorry to say that they have now been removed from this district, so that we now will feel lonelier than ever.

Statistics.—The accounts for 1885 show that in January teachers were secured for the vacant schools, so that there are 13 teachers employed since then, and N. Charles alone ceases to be on the list. The new teachers are: J. Venkataswami, K. Philip, B. Daniel, B. Gnanaanandem, N. Isaac. In addition to these teachers a Bible reader, Rosina, is employed. S. Laksmiah, Catechist, continues as Assistant to the Missionary. Communicants: In April, 16; in June, 22; in September, 34; in November, 29.

NAMES OF VILLAGES.	Christians reported, 1883.	Baptized, 1884.	Died, 1884.	Christians, January, 1885.	Scholars in Schools.	Names of Teachers.
Mission School	12	..	...	12	10	N. Charles.
Peddapur	11	...	1	10	8	S. Amelia.
Kota Malapallet	20	...	1	19	9	D. Peter.
Rajahgopalem	20	7	1	26	8	B. Prakasem.
Mala Timapuram	...	2	...	2	...	B. Prakasem.
Ragampet	13	4	...	17	10	K. Michael.
Gorinta	11	1	...	12	6	B. John.
Polimeru	...	...	...	...	...	B. John.
Veravaram	...	...	...	...	8	K. Moses.
Chedalada	4	...	...	4	...	K. Moses.
Kattamur	9	2	...	11	10	R. David.
Juggampet	5	1	..	6	7	T. Samuel.
Tharmavaram	...	3	...	3	...	
Vamingi	...	12	...	12	...	
Yeluru	...	1	...	1	...	
Total	105	33	3	135	76	

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Mission Church,

Rajahmundry, Jan. 5, 1885.

The Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Mission of the General Council of America met, and was called to order by the President, Rev. I. K. Poulsen, at 8 A. M., to hold its annual meeting. The communion was celebrated, and sixty-two partook. The opening sermon had been preached the day previous (Sunday), and so we had only the regular morning services, which were read by Rev. I. K. Poulsen. The text for the opening sermon was taken from Isaiah vi: 1-8. Theme, "Purification." After a few remarks by the President, the roll was called. All were present except P. Isaac, Ch. Anandam, B. John, P. V. Ratnam and Y. Joseph, after which the election of officers took place. Rev. I. K. Poulsen was elected President; Rev. F. S. Dietrich, English Secretary; and C. James, Telugu Secretary.

The following delegates presented themselves, and were received into the Conference: A. Abraham, of Mahadevapatnam; P. Samuel, from Gorlamudi; V. Daniel, of Mallaishwaram; Abraham, of Korrapadu; Kockiri Guriah, of Ragampet.

Next in order was reading and acceptance of reports. The following were read and adopted: Rev. T. Joseph, of Jagurupad; Rev. N. Paulus, of Velpur; L. Jeremiah, of Metta; and P. Venkataswami, of Rajahmundry.

Appointment of Committees: A committee of three was appointed to draw up resolutions in regard to the death of the Rev. H. G. B. Artman, our co-laborer in this field. The committee consists of Rev. F. J. MacCready, Rev. T. Joseph and J. William. Another committee of five was appointed to draw up a paper in regard to the grievances of the Christians

incurred by the late Hindu movement known as "Ramadandu," to be sent to the Government officials. The committee consists of Rev. F. S. Dietrich, Rev. N. Paulus, L. Jeremiah, E. Yohan and R. Nathaniel.

An explanation was asked of Rev. N. Paulus in regard to the school at Agartipalem. He explained the matter satisfactorily, but no definite action could be taken by this body, and so it was referred to the Ministerial Council.

The meeting adjourned at 11 A. M., with prayer by Rev. N. Paulus.

SECOND SESSION—Jan. 5, 1885.

The afternoon session was opened at 2 o'clock, with prayer by Rev. T. Joseph.

First in order was the appointment of a Committee on Absentees. The committee consists of Rev. F. J. MacCready, L. Jeremiah, and N. Charles. Next in order was the reading of petitions and complaints handed in to the President during the year. The following were read: One from Rev. Joseph, and also one from Rev. Paulus, requesting boarding-schools at their stations. These were followed by a letter of complaint by B. John, of Peddahem, against L. Jeremiah. Next was a letter by C. James, requesting to be reinstated as a member in the Conference and a worker in the Mission. A petition by M. Alfred was read, asking to be called back to Rajahmundry, and finally one by L. Jeremiah urging the necessity of a boarding-school at Tallapudi.

Unfinished business was next in order. The first reference was made to the inn for native Christians, which has been partly finished, but remains unfinished for lack of means. After discussion, a committee of five was appointed to examine the matter, and try to raise means to finish it. The committee consists of Rev. MacCready, Rev. Paulus, Rev. Joseph, and S. Laksmiah.

A note or reque[illegible] by R. Samuel, teacher at Singanapelli, was then read, requesting Manyam pay[illegible].

The matter in regard to boarding-schools in the Native Pastors' Districts was referred to the Ministerial Council.

The request to have allowance from the Mission funds for the Christmas expenses. It was explained that no Mission money has been, or is to be used for that purpose. The same is the case in regard to women Bible readers in every District.

Next, the case of B. John, of Peddahem, and L. Jeremiah, of Metta, came up. After a lively discussion, the case was referred to Rev. F. J. MacCready, pastor at Tallapudi, to be attended to.

The proposition made by L. Jeremiah, of prolonging the time of Conference, having four instead of two days, was not passed.

Then was taken up the important question in regard to what is to be done with children who are not able to read, and what time should be allowed to test their ability. As the time for dismissal has come, the question remained undecided.

The meeting closed at 4.30 P. M., with prayer by Rev. T. Joseph.

THIRD SESSION—Jan. 6, 1885.

The Conference met and was called to order by the President, Rev. I. K. Poulsen, at 8 A. M. M. Venkataswami offered the opening prayer. The minutes of the afternoon session of the previous day were read.

H. Shadrach, of Muckamala, was then received as a delegate to the Conference from that place.

The reports passed by yesterday were then read. The first, that of the Deputy Inspector of Mission Schools, J. William, was read. This was followed by one from J. John, Head Master of our Mission School. A letter from N. Isaac, of Peravaram, was then read, requesting to be regularly em-

ployed in the Mission, as he is now employed only fifteen days during the month.

The question in regard to having an Industrial School in our Mission was again resumed. After a thorough discussion it was concluded that such a school would be of great importance and value to our Mission, but the way or road to establish it is not yet fully open—*i. e.*, men and means are lacking.

The question in regard to pupils in the boarding schools who are not yet competent for the work as teachers, etc., was again taken up. It was decided that a trial be given them for half a year, *i. e.*, those who enter in January be allowed a trial until May or Summer vacation ; and those who enter in June until Christmas vacation.

The subject about teachers for the native Christians in our church was brought up next ; after a lively discussion for and against it, it was referred to the Ministerial Council.

As the deduction—4 pice per rupee, as a contribution to Missions from the Mission agents' salaries, has not been made during the first part of the year '84, it was resolved that it be collected now.

Then was resumed the question how to dispose of the money thus acquired. The Conference resolved that the pay for a Catechist who is to work in the Jungle District extending from the river Godavery towards the river Zelaru, and not below Polavaram, Gokavaram and Zelashwaram be taken out of this fund, and that a man be selected for this purpose by the Ministerial Council as soon as he can be found.

On motion, M. Venkataswami's report was read. The Conference closed at 11 A. M.

Fourth Session—January 6, 1885.

The Conference convened and was called to order by the President, at 2 P.M. The opening prayer was offered by J. William. The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted. M. Venkataswami's report was then read and received, after some discussion in regard to some villages in which he claims that *he only* worked, while Rev. Paulus and his teachers claim that they also have been working there.

The Committee on Absentees reported. The following were absent: P. V. Ratnam, of Rajahmundry ; Anandam and Isaac, of Dowlaishwaram ; Y. Joseph, of Guddigudiem ; Colporteur Isaiah, of Jagurupad ; N. Timothy, of Gokavaram ; K. Daniel ; P. James and B. John, of Samulcotta District. On motion all were excused ; it seemed all had good excuses.

Next was the report on the resolutions in regard to the death of Rev. H. G. B. Artman. The Committee read the resolutions, and they were adopted and the Committee discharged. Next was the Committee on drawing up a paper to be sent to the collector in regard to the Ramadandu. After some discussion as to whether the facts stated in the report should be allowed to remain, or whether only a kind of general information should be given, it was agreed that the facts be taken out. Reports were again read and taken up for discussion.

The boarding boys question was again taken up and discussed thoroughly. A motion was made and carried, that the boarding children are not to do any work for the teachers.

As the time for adjournment was at hand, a motion was made that the next meeting should be held at Samulcotta. The motion was lost.

On motion, the time was extended to permit Rev. Paulus and J. John to deliver each one a short discourse, the former on the arrival of Rev. MacCready and former Missionaries, and the latter on the Christian religion.

The Conference adjourned at 5 P. M., with prayer by Rev. I. K. Poulsen, to meet again at 8 A. M., on January 4, 1886.

Rev. I. K. Poulsen, *President.*
Rev. F. S. Dietrich, *Secretary.*

Resolutions passed by the Mission Conference regarding the death of the late Rev. H. G. B. Artman.

WHEREAS, By the will of our Heavenly Father, the hand of death has removed from us the beloved and the faithful co-laborer, the Rev. H. G. B. Artman, formerly English Secretary of this Conference ; and

WHEREAS, The loss sustained in his early death is severely felt on all sides, especially at a time when his life had become one of usefulness "to the brethren," and when the needs of the Mission were pressing and great, "the laborers being few and the harvest plenteous." While we deeply deplore, and the cause of Lutheran Missions receives a sad blow ; be it

Resolved, That we humbly bow before the dispensation of Him who does all things well, and heartily say, "Father, Thy will be done," having the cheerful assurance that "Blessed are they who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors ;"

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and to the Home Committee, and the same be placed on the Minutes of this Conference.

REV. F. J. MCCREADY,
REV. T. JOSEPH,
J. WILLIAM,
Committee.

MISSION SCHOOLS.

HINDU HIGH SCHOOL.

The Committee have been more in doubt as to the course which should be pursued with reference to this school than as to any other department of the Mission work. In February, 1883, a Brahmin Boys' Class was organized, composed of young Brahmins, heathen, who desired to learn English, and a Telugu pundit, who had for years been the Telugu teacher of our Missionaries, was engaged as Telugu teacher of the class. Bros. Artman and Dietrich gave instruction in English, two hours each daily. The Committee had not been consulted as to the step, and had doubts as to whether this class did not consume much time of our Missionaries which might be better employed in the more direct work of the Mission ; but they did not do more than present a question to that effect to the Missionaries. Jan. 1, 1884, the Hindu High School was opened with a staff of seven teachers, a clerk, a messenger, and fifty scholars were enrolled, of whom forty were heathen and ten Christians, who had passed beyond the grade of the Mission School. The number of scholars afterward greatly increased. The organization and opening of this school were made without consulting the Committee, without submitting for examination the plan of organization, and by Mr. Artman's personal decision, with divided

views on the part of the other Missionaries as to its propriety. Indeed, very little information as to the features of the work was communicated to the Committee, nor was any question of expense connected with the school submitted, either to the Conference in India or to the Committee. The use of one of the Mission houses was also given to the school without our knowledge. When some of the facts in the case became known to us, we wrote to Mr. Artman asking for full information as to all the facts in the case, and all the reasons and advantages which led to the establishment of the school, before taking any further action. In a letter written within a month before his death, he states that he will prepare and send a full statement of the whole matter, but his illness prevented him, and his death soon followed. It became necessary to take some action, although we had not received any satisfactory statement of the case. We had learned gradually that one of our Mission houses was given up to the school, that a number of heathen teachers were employed—indeed, nearly the whole staff of teachers, we believe, were heathen—that the whole course of instruction was secular, except that one of our Missionaries gave an hour of religious instruction daily. We learned also that the cost of the school was about $500 a year beyond its receipts from fees. Compelled to make some decision in the case, the Committee directed that our Missionaries should not continue to have charge of the school. Our reasons for this action were :

1. That we had not a sufficient force of men at Rajahmundry to allow that their time should be occupied with this work. There was only one Missionary left there when Mr. Artman died. Mr. Dietrich was compelled to discharge the onerous duties of Treasurer for the whole Mission work. He had charge of the native congregation, of all the departments of the Mission Schools and boarding houses, and had also the supervision of the entire District work, except at Samulcotta. It was true that Mr. MacCready was expected, and soon arrived, but the care of the Tallapudi District had been given to him, where a Mission house was to be erected, and his detention at Rajahmundry, as assistant to Mr. Dietrich, ought not to be prolonged any further than absolutely necessary.

2. We had never been convinced that it was desirable to establish a school in which the whole body of teachers were heathen, and especially where our Christians were so few, and nearly all of lower castes or no caste, and where their influence in giving a Christian tone to the school, composed chiefly of caste persons, would be very little. If Christian influences surrounding the school had been controlling, our views may have been different. But with only an hour's presence of

a Missionary a day, while the corps of teachers were heathen, made us very doubtful of the influence of the school.

3. We believed that the maintenance of such a High School by our Mission would place it in antagonism to the Government schools, and array the English officers and their influence against our Mission. They had ever been warm friends, and aided our Mission no little. The opening of such a school had been fully discussed some years ago, and had been decided against by both our Missionaries there, Revs. Schmidt and Poulsen, as well as by the Committee, for these reasons.

4. Instead of being self-supporting, as Mr. Artman first believed it would be, it proved that even in the first year, when the utmost care was taken to avoid expense, it cost beyond its receipts at the rate of $500 a year, although occupying our Mission house. We feared that its costs would naturally increase, especially if an effort was made to employ more Christian instruction.

For these reasons we decided as we did. But our decision has not closed the school; it has only withdrawn our Missionaries from their labors in it. It appears that since our action, taken some years since, the Government College has been so advanced in its grades that it no longer provides for those branches which are covered by the Hindu High School which Mr. Artman established, but that these are left to other schools. Mr. Metcalfe, the Principal of the Government College and Director of Public Instruction, warmly advised in favor of keeping up the school, so that any danger of opposition to, or concurrence with the college has ceased. Mr. Dietrich proposed to the former staff of teachers that if they would continue the school on their own responsibility, and be content with the income derived from the fees, they might continue for the present to occupy the building, which was not then needed for other uses, if they would maintain the building in good order. He has kept the general oversight of the school, but has done no work in it since last January. The school is arranged in six classes. In the sixth there are 23 boys, who pay 3 rupees per month school fee; in the fifth class are 16, who pay 3 rupees; in the upper fourth are 54, who pay 1½ rupees; lower fourth, 27, who pay 1½ rupees; in the third, 9, who pay 1½ rupees; in the second, 18, who pay 1 rupee, and in the first, 11, who pay ½ a rupee. Total scholars, 149, who pay monthly 243 rupees 4 annas—$99.73. There are a few free scholars in consideration of a government grant of one-quarter the amount of fees. Their number cannot exceed five per cent. There are also some small grants for chemical apparatus and other objects. The salaries of the teachers are now so arranged that the school will pay for itself.

Except Mr. Poulsen, our Missionaries all unite in urging that the school should not be given up. Mr. Dietrich writes Aug. 10, 1885. "This school is the only one in the town where all kinds of Hindu children are allowed to come. It stood best of all similar schools in last year's Government examination; it stood first the other day when the Inspector visited the schools in this town; it is the best situated for health, etc., and all these things are in its favor. If the Committee ever expect to keep it up, it would be best now. If they could get an endowment, it would be good, for the Government would give us one-third as much in addition; thus if you would secure $3000 endowment, the Government here would add $1000. Of the necessity of the school there is no doubt at all in my mind. You cannot point out one Mission which does not have a High School, or a College. If we send our boys to the town schools they are entirely out of our hands. Out of the few who have formerly attended those schools, not one is now employed in our Mission work. They become half heathens again by the time they have finished there. Here we have them at daily prayers, and see always what they are doing. In the town schools they have to pay exactly the same fees as everywhere else. The Government College, to which we used to send our boys, has closed these departments, so that they cannot be sent there. The town schools are all inferior to this one. If the school is dropped entirely now the mistake will be seen inside of two years. Higher education is required, but how on earth is it to be obtained at less expense? If we procure teachers to raise our boys to the standard required, it cannot be done under 100 rupees a month, now 50 will be enough; if they be sent to the other schools it will cost 30 rupees a month. I make this plea once more so that the error of closing the school may by avoided." March 28, he wrote: "The High School did good work; no less than five or six boys have been awakened. They would be ready for baptism, but they fear their parents." And Sept. 25, 1884: "Bros. Schmidt and Poulsen have tried the town schools and college, but every one of those students made them trouble afterwards, as they had lost their love for the Mission in their pride. In regard to the heathen teachers employed, I can say, that is done by all missions. They are employed to teach those branches in which religion is not involved, as Mathematics, Sanscrit, Telugu, etc. They are superior in those branches to any Christian teachers at our command, and are cheaper. We have now three Christian teachers employed in it who teach the Bible daily. We can also make better use of our Christian teachers in other places"

Missionary Schmidt, just before setting out on his recent return to India, wrote, June 8: "Our school work has, perhaps, presented greater difficulties than anything else. The principal question is still before you undecided, and I think that if you could settle that, all other minor points would cause little difficulty. The question as I would put it is this: Shall we have in our Telugu Mission, 1, High Schools for the education of native Christians, with a view to prepare the best gifted for Mission work, and then allow heathens to attend these schools; or, 2, High Schools for heathen boys, to prepare them for government examination, at lower fees than in other schools, on condition that they submit to half an hour or an hour's religious instruction daily, and send our Christian boys to these schools? Not before this question is decided will we be able to work in the right direction. Bro. Artman took it for granted that your aim was a school of the second class, and he worked in that direction. I advised you not to stop Bro. Artman's work, because while such things might have prevented, they ought not, except in very rare cases, to be stopped or vetoed. In the present state of the native church, it can only do harm to contradict and countermand the work of your Missionaries. The mere resolution to stop the school has not decided the question. As Americans, you might best understand the question by comparing the school No. 1 with your parochial schools, and No. 2 with the public schools. Bro. Grœnning has asked for directions. Would it not be well to give him your directions and then give him full liberty to develope our educational department in that direction—of course, within the means you allow?"

Mr. MacCready wrote, Dec. 12: "I am in full sympathy with the work undertaken by Mr. Artman in the establishment of the Hindu High School. The Brahmin and higher classes cannot be reached in any other way If the gospel is preached to them by the wayside and in the market-places, they will not lend a willing ear. They disturb the preacher by their many questions and arguments. Whereas, in the school the Bible is taught an hour daily to every class. All are obliged to attend to the lesson, and they are made to study it, for it is part of the school's curriculum. That this mode of preaching the gospel is attended with good results we can see in the Noble School at Masulipatam and the Christian College at Madras. If only a few converts from Brahminism are the result, the power of the gospel is shown, and in one truly converted Brahmin we have a power on our side. Through the school we are brought in contact with so many whose faces we would not otherwise see. They come seeking help in their studies. What better opportunity could we wish for to speak the Word

in season? I present my view, feeling that it is my duty to labor for the good of the Mission."

In this statement your Committee have desired to present the whole case, with such light as they have been enabled to throw on it. Nearly all this information has come to hand since your Committee were compelled by the death of Mr. Artman to give a decision in the case. The facts which we have here presented have caused us to realize that some more definite decision must now be made. What we have done is this: At the September meeting the Committee

Resolved, 1. That as the care of the schools at Rajahmundry has been assigned to Rev. Mr. Grœnning, he be desired very carefully to examine into the whole school system at Rajahmundry, and after full consultation with the other Missionaries to propose a plan for the school system in all its parts, and especially with reference to the Hindu High School, the Mohammedan School, and the Caste Girls' School, and the relation of these schools to the Mission.

2. That this plan when prepared shall be submitted to the Missionary Council, and after full consideration, an opportunity be given to the several Missionaries to send their views to the Committee.

3. That until the submission of such plan, and action on it by the Committee, the Missionaries may continue to give religious instruction in both the Hindu High School and Mohammedan School, and that the High School may occupy the Mission House in which it is now located, unless it should be needed for the use of our Missionaries, but that no other expenses of these schools be borne by our treasury.

Should this action not meet the approval of the Council, or should any further action be deemed desirable at this time, it would be well that an expression be given of the views of the Council.

MOHAMMEDAN BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

We have applied to the Missionaries for information concerning these schools, and have received the following answer:

"At the meeting of the Missionary Council, July 15, 1885, at Rajahmundry, the following resolution was passed:

"*Resolved*, That Mr. MacCready be appointed to supply information required by the Home Committee in regard to the Mohammedan Schools."

The brethren discussed such points as called for an expression of their views. The others were referred to me. I have pleasure in reporting as follows:

The number of schools for Mohammedans is two—one for boys and the other for girls. The boys' school is the only one of its kind in our town. All Mohammedans desirous of obtaining an education in their own language and in English, will naturally turn to our school. In no other school is Hindustani the vernacular language. We are thus certain of getting all the youth of the community to attend our

school. The Government has made no provision in our town for the training of Mohammedan children. Nor have any private schools been opened for them. It being the only school, the interest of the institution would be near the heart of the people. The community would warmly sympathize with us, and sustain and second our attempts to do good. We enter into competition with neither the Government nor with private enterprise. We simply supply a need.

In respect to the girls' school, we have to state that it is one of the very few in the whole Madras Presidency. Caste girls' schools are found in every town of importance. Few Mohammedan girls' schools are heard of. Mr. Artman, realizing the need of a Mohammedan school for boys, opened this one on his own responsibility, bearing the burden of maintaining it. Doubtless he felt that through it he might be able to reach some of the Mohammedans with the gospel. In founding the school he undoubtedly was put to much trouble, and experienced innumerable difficulties. People generally give trouble and offer opposition when a Mission school is to be opened. It soon wears away, however. Thus, in the present instance, Mr. Artman was strongly opposed by the Mohammedans. In a short time it disappeared, and the pupils in the school numbered fifty.

Every person not one with the Mohammedans is, in their belief, an infidel. They live among the Hindus, and they hate them because they are idolaters. They, on this account, try to keep aloof from the Hindus. At their festivals, or anywhere in the public service, the Mohammedans and Hindus are at variance. So in school the same spirit is manifested. Hence a separate building has to be provided for the Mohammedan school. Besides, on account of the language, this is necessary. The studies are explained and taught in Telugu in Hindu schools, and in Hindustani in Mohammedan schools. The one building rented for the Mohammedans only is divided into two parts. Both schools are held in it. Special provision had to be made on account of the girls. In all our schools (girls' boarding and caste girls' school) for females, the doors and windows are left wide open to admit air and light. But the little Mohammedan girls dare not be exposed to the public gaze. None but females can visit the school. The doors are closed, the windows are screened, and the children are shut up in darkness almost. The parents would not permit their little girls to be in a school open to the public. (Please refer to the rules being forwarded by Rev. Dietrich The strictness of the parents will there be seen.)

The language mainly taught is Hindustani—the mother tongue of the Mohammedans of India ; hence the necessity of employing persons

conversant with that language. None but Mohammedans study the language; hence the teachers must be Mohammedans, others cannot teach it. In the Boys' school all the teachers, except the instructors in the O. T., are Mohammedans. Mr. Artman had engaged the service of a young man from the C. M. S. at Masulipatam. He did not enter upon his work as a teacher, owing to the death of Mr. Artman. In the Girls' school two of the teachers are Christians. The one is the sewing teacher, and the other J. William Henry's wife, who takes the other branches. In the Boys' school, J. William Henry, in my absence, takes the Bible lesson, which for the present, is only from the O. T. An hour is spent daily in imparting scripture instruction. This is done in English and in Telugu.

In answer to the question: "What are the advantages to be secured?" Mr. Poulsen stated that his views in regard to non-Christian schools were known to the Committee. Mr. Dietrich pointed out that Mohammedans cannot be reached through any other language. In the school we would have the opportunity, when men are secured, to impart Christian instruction in their own language. This is done at present in the Girls' school. William's wife does it.

Again he called attention to the fact that the Mohammedans are more strict in secluding their females, than the Hindus. The gospel would never be heard by them, *first*, because our female workers—Bible women—preach only in Telugu, and *secondly*, because a Mohammedan female dare not show her face outside of the enclosure of the yard of her house. Thus even if the person addressing them be a female, she must know the language. There are no Hindu females in this part of India who are kept in such seclusion. All the females of the higher classes dare not speak to a male, but they all appear in public. Not so in the case of the Mohammedan females.

I wish to add that here in the schools, the opportunity is afforded us of spreading abroad the glad news of salvation. Other Missionary Societies are sending men into Mohammedan countries, as Turkey, Asia Minor (or Asiatic Turkey), Palestine, etc., to work among the followers of the prophet Mahomet. The C. M. S. has men in India working among Mohammedans. The success of their labors is not worth reference. They labor in spite of all discouragements. They fulfil the duty imposed on all Chistians.

Of all people the Musselman is the bitterest foe to Christianity. They do not as a rule listen to the preaching of the gospel. When they do, it is not as searchers after truth, but as critics, or use it as a weapon against idolatry. In our school fifty or sixty young persons remain under our influence. They daily hear of Christ and His mission, and

who would doubt but that the power of God's Word will act on some of them? Nothing is done in our District for these people. They are many. Other Missions recognize their presence in their fields. The cost of sustaining at least these Mohammedan schools would not be much.

My prayer is, that if the Committee cannot see the way clear to keep up the schools, it allow the contributions offered here and at home to be used for the purpose. Teachers can always be secured from other places, to instruct in the schools—*i. e.*, Christian teachers. If the Committee wish to learn whether the present staff of teachers in our Boarding Schools could undertake the instruction of the classes in the Mohammedan School in addition to their own work—then Mr. Dietrich answers: "Arrangements can be made to supply teachers only for the Scripture lesson. At present William is teaching gratuitously, in addition to his regular duties.

"The cost of the boys' school is fifty rupees per month. Friends help us with eleven rupees per month. We expect additional help. The municipality has bound itself to pay as much as 400 rupees a year towards the support of the school. The amount given will depend on the result of the examinations. The grant is not to exceed the above sum. The municipality has also given us all the furniture needed in both schools. The monthly expenditure of the girls' school is at present eighteen rupees. Friends give us rupees 7.8.0. We are also to receive a grant from Government."

We have but lately received this account, and have taken no other action than that before given. The statement of Mr. MacCready, that the expenses of this school were borne by Mr. Artman, is not entirely correct, as some payments were made out of the Mission funds.

CASTE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

This school, established by Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt, meeting in a building prepared for it within the compound of Riverside, has continued its even course. Mrs. Artman has had the oversight during Mrs. Schmidt's absence. The Head Master, Ratnam, is so reliable and capable a man, that the school has not suffered at all. It is very gratifying to know that the costs o this school are now borne by the Woman's Missionary Societies of St. John's and St. Mark's Churches in Philadelphia, each one half. The estimated cost is $15 per month.

MISSION SCHOOLS.

The several departments of the Mission Schools, other than those of which a separate account has just been given, have continued during the past year to enjoy their usual prosperity, and have been regularly maintained without any great changes in their arrangements. The re-

port for the half year, ending with June last, which we hoped to receive in time for this report, has not yet come to hand. The tabular statement which follows shows their condition at the opening Jan. 1, 1885.

Mr. Dietrich, under whose care they have been during the past year, wrote, March 25: "Our Mission Schools here are about the same as described in January, except the Girls' School, where we have made a slight change. We have the normal department in which teachers are prepared: then comes the department in which boys are prepared to enter that class. The girls have now a separate school which has three departments—the primary, secondary, and the advanced. The girls' school had never before risen to that high standard. The advanced department is the one now added. Of course there is progress; when I say the schools are about the same, I mean in arrangement."

There are seventeen teachers now regularly engaged in our Mission schools at Rajahmundry, exclusive of the Hindu High School and the Mohammedan schools. Their names are all given on the pay rolls, but the school in which they are employed is not designated. Of these J. William, Head Master of the Boys' School, and P. V. Ratnam, Head Master of the Caste Girls' School, receive 15 Rs. a month; J. John Henry and N. Charles, 12 Rs. a month; V. Sreeramulu and M. Venkataswami, 10 Rs. a month, and the others smaller sums. Of these teachers eight are females.

The following table shows the state of the schools, Jan. 1, 1885, and also indicates the names of those by whom scholars are supported. There are still many scholars for whom support is desired, and we commend this matter again to the attention of our Congregations and Sunday-schools. It is desirable that communications with reference to the support of Sunday-schools be addressed to the English Secretary, by whom the correspondence with the Missionaries is usually conducted. When an application is received it is sent out to the Missionary in charge of the schools, by whom the selection of the scholar is made. The selection should be made with care, and can only be done by those to whom all the circumstances are known.

The cost of the support of a boy in our Mission school is $30; that of a girl $20 to $25. The salaries of the teachers range from $35 to $75; that of a Catechist is about $90.

Since the preparation of the following table, the support of a Catechist for the Tallapudi District has been pledged by the "Frederick J. MacCready Missionary Society," at Lehighton, Pa., but the person has not yet been secured; the support of a teacher in the same district has been promised through Rev. H. P. Quist, of Knoxville, Ills., a member of the Augustana Synod.

TEACHERS AND SCHOLARS IN MISSION SCHOOLS IN INDIA.

TEACHERS SUPPORTED BY SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

NAME.	LOCATION.	BY WHOM SUPPORTED.
J. William Henry	Rajahmundry	St. John's Sunday-school, Allentown, Pa.
B. John	Peddahem	Trinity Sunday school, Reading, Pa.
J. John Henry	Rajahmundry	St. Paul's (German), Philadelphia, Pa.
J. Daniel Henry	Rajahmundry	St. Johannis', Philadelphia, Pa.
A Catechist	Tallapudi District	F. J. MacCready Mis. Soc Lehighton, Pa.
A Teacher	" "	Rev. H. P. Quist, Knoxville, Ills.

LIST OF SCHOLARS – January 1, 1885.

DEPARTMENT I—Smaller Boys.

NAME.	ADMITTED.	Age	BY WHOM SUPPORTED.
1. J. Nathaniel	June 1, 1881	15	Rev. J. B. Fox, Emlenton.
2. P. Charles Henry	July 1, "	15	Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Heinitsch, Lancaster.
3. C. Joseph	" "	15	Ladies' Sewing Society, St. Peter's, N. Y.
4. P. David (Velpur)	October 1, 1881	11	Francke Mis. Society, Muhlenburg College.
5. A. Jacob	" "	11	Transfiguration Sunday-school, Pottstown.
6. C. Benjamin	November 1, 1881	13	Trinity Sunday-school, Lancaster.
7. P. Lazarus	September 28, 1882	15	St. Mark's Sunday-school, New York.
8. M. Abraham	December 1, "	12	Father Heyer Mis. Soc., Theo. Sem., Phila.
9. M. Peter	February 1, 1883	14	Grace Sunday school, Bethlehem.
10. E. Nathan	" "	14	Mrs. H. G. Sterling, Philadelphia.
11. R. Thomas	June 15, 1883	13	Mr. John Keck, Shannondale, Pa.
12. M. Daniel	" "	11	St. John's Sunday school, Charleston, S. C.
13. H. John	July 1, 1883	11	Miss Nora R. Ohl, Cherryville, Pa.
14. K Henry	" "	14	Bethlehem Sunday-school, Wash. Co., Pa.
15. K. George Christian.	" "	12	Rehoboth & Crow's Run S. S., Beaver Co.
16. P. David (Tallapudi)	August 1, 1883	15	Mis. Society, Solomon's Church Macungie.
17. A. Benjamin	" "	14	Jumonville Soldiers' Orphans' School, Pa.
18. B. Benjamin	September 8, 1883	13	Telugu Class, St. Mark's, Philadelphia.
19. D. Solomon	" "	13	St. Michael's Sunday-school, Germantown.
20. T. Sodharu	" "	12	Mrs. Kinzelman, Middle Village, L. I.
21. P. Nathaniel	" "	10	
22. S. Prakasem	" "	10	
23 A. Bushanam	" "	10	
24. T. Jacob	" "	10	
25. M. Samuel	January 1, 1884	10	
26. T. Lazarus	" "	12	
27. G. Lazarus	February 1, 1884	12	
28. S Lazarus	Since February 1, 1884	12	
29. B. Philip	" " "	14	
30. K. Cyrus	" " "	13	
31. K. Theophilus	" " "	11	
32. T. Matthew	" " "	10	
33. Mu. Samuel	" " "	12	
34. P. Gabriel	" " "	8	
35. A Devadas	" " "	8	St. Stephen's, Phila., Artman Scholarship.
36. P. Stephen	" " "	14	
37. Y. Samuel	" " "	13	
38. Y. Lazarus	" " "	10	
39. P. Reuben	" " "	12	
40. P. Julius	" " "	10	
41. P. Andrew	" " "	7	
42. P. Jonah	" " "	12	
43. H. Samuel	" " "	15	

DEPARTMENT II—Larger Boys.

1. R. Charles	June 1, 1881	16	Salem Sunday-school, Bethlehem Pa.
2. R. Paradasy	" "	16	J.G. Wagnr's Class, Zion's, Rochester, N.Y.
3. M. Yesudas	" "	15	St. James' Sunday-school, Reading, Pa.
4. A. Isaac *	July 1, 1881	17	Salem Sunday-school, Lebanon, Pa.
5. E. James	" "	16	Zion's Sunday-school, Wilmington, Del.
6. P. Mesheg	" "	18	St. Luke's Sunday-school, Philadelphia.
7. K. Paul	April 1, 1883	18	
8. P. Caleb *	" "	17	
9. B. Gnana Anandem *	" "	18	
10. M. Cornelius	January 1, 1884	18	St. Michael's Sunday-school, Germantown.
11. P. David *	February 1, 1884	19	Turbotville Charge, Pa.
12. G. John	Since February, 1884	18	
13. P. Jacob	" " "	24	
14. M. Jacob	" " "	18	
15. P. Thomas	" " "	19	

* Teachers since January 1st, 1885.

MARRIED BOARDERS.

NAME.	Age	DISTRICT.	NAME.	Age	DISTRICT.
*1. P. Samuel & wife Thamar..	25	Tallapudi.	*6. K. Venkataswamy & wife R.	28	Velpur.
*2. Daniel & wife Thamar.....	30	Jagurupad.	7. P. Mark & wife Grace.....	25	Tallapudi.
*3. P. Benjamin & wife Maria.	40	"	8. Y. Daniel & wife Ruth.....	25	Jagurupad.
*4. K. Philip & wife Satyavati	25	Velpur.	*9. G. John & wife Eliza.....	25	Velpur.
*5. V. Samuel & wife Anamah	30	"			

* Teachers since Jan. 1, 1885, probably in their own districts. These persons were old enough to become teachers as soon as sufficiently instructed. As there is no longer so great an urgency in sending out teachers, it is not proposed to take married boarders, except in very special cases. There are at present only two families left, and one new one from the jungle district has been taken in January.

GIRLS' BOARDING HOUSE.—Scholars.

NAME.	ADMITTED.	Age	BY WHOM SUPPORTED.
1. K. Mary Ann.....	July 1, 1881.....	16	Miss Klingler, St. Peter's, New York.
2. E. Karunna.....	" "	11	Mrs. Harkness and daughters, Phila.
3. E. Rosina.....	" "	13	Infant School, St. John's, Easton.
4. P. Velugu Heyer.....	" "	12	St. Paul's Sunday-school (English), Phila.
5. P. Sundari.....	" "	13	St. Michael's Infant School, Germantown..
6. K. Rose.....	" "	14	Mrs. Birnbaum, Phila.
7. J. Martha.....	" "	15	
8. M. Anna.....	" "	14	Jumonville Soldiers' Orphans' School, Pa.
9. K. Karunna	" "	15	
10. M. Martha.....	" "	15	Helpers, Grace Church, Lancaster, Pa.
11. M. Sarah.....	December 1, 1882.....	12	Mrs. C. F. Norton Sims, D. T.
12. J. Jemima.....	August 1, 1883.....	10	Mission League, Phillipsburg, Pa.
13. Ch. Leah.....	September 1, 1883.....	9	Busy Bee Society, St. Peter's Church, Phila..
14. P. Sarah.....	January 24, 1884.....	11	Infant School, St. Mark's S. S., Phila.
15. S. Martha.....	" "	10	
16. K. Shantama.....	Since July, 1834.....	23	
17. N. Ruth.....	" " "	10	
18. B. Eliza.....	" " "	11	
19. K. Ruth.....	" " "	9	
20. V. Maria.....	" " "	8	
21. G. Elizabeth.....	" " "	9	
22. G. Nina Martha.....	" " "	8	
23. K. Amelia.....	" " "	7	

DAY SCHOLARS IN MISSION SCHOOL.

NAME.	Age	RELIGION OF PARENTS.	NAME.	Age	RELIGION OF PARENTS.
1. P. Susan.....	16	Christian.	17. J. Grace.....	10	Christian.
2. V. Sarah.....	12	"	18. P. Isaac.....	15	"
3. J. Salome.....	11	"	19. B. Albert.....	11	"
4. V. Velugu.....	10	"	20. P. Ramaswany.....	12	Heathen.
5. J. Rhoda.....	8	"	21. B. Alexander.....	9	Christian.
6. M. Gnanakutnam....	9	"	22. N. Abraham.....	8	"
7. P. Eliza.....	12	"	23. P. Subbayah.....	10	Heathen.
8. P. Julia.....	9	"	24. J. Jacob.....	8	Christian.
9. K. Anna.....	14	"	25. N. Isaac.....	8	"
10. K. Satyavati.....	12	"	26. C. Francis.....	10	Roman Catholic.
11. K. Karuna.....	9	"	27. N. John.....	8	Christian.
12. T. Marian	8	"	28. M. Lakshumdu.....	12	Heathen.
13. K. Susan.....	7	"	29. M. Rumudu.....	10	"
14. J. Rachel.....	8	"	30. P. Narasimulu.....	10	"
15. K. Grace.....	10	"	31. Chintha G. Narasimulu	9	"
16. K. Mariau.....	10	"			

SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICTS.

In the latter part of 1884 and in the early months of 1885, an inspection of all the schools in the country districts, except that of Samulcotta, was made by Rev. F. S. Dietrich, and the Inspector of the schools, accompanied by the native Pastors in their own charges. Mr. Dietrich writes, March 25: "I have visited every school, and it gave me much pleasure to see the progress they are making. There is much room for improvement, but we must make allowances, as the people are from the lower classes. Imagine yourself coming to a village and asking the Brahmins and Shudras to read, and finding that not one of them can read. You turn to the despised Malas, whom the others would not touch, and put the same question to them, and perhaps a half dozen come forward. It makes the former look down, but the latter rejoice. At such times the real work of our schools can be seen. We have now introduced Luther's Small Catechism in all the schools. The following report of the School Inspector shows the state of the several schools.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Number.	VILLAGE.	TEACHER.	District.	Pupils.		Total.	Pupils.		Average Standard.
				Boys.	Girls.		Christian.	Heathen.	
1	Dowlaishwaram	P. Isaac	R.	26	9	35	8	27	98
2	Komorada and Gorlamudi	P. Moses	V.	34	6	40	38	2	98
3	Vissakoderu	E. Yohan	V.	6	7	13	13	0	95
4	Komadavelli	P. Gnana Prakasim	V.	12	4	16	15	1	93
5	Augurtepalem	B. Venkanna	V.	20	1	21	7	14	90
6	Pedda Meerum	G. Cornelius	V.	8	3	11	11	0	88
7	Seesala	G. Samuel	V.	11	3	14	13	1	88
8	Vendra	G. Paradesi	V.	6	1	7	6	1	88
9	Jagurupad	T. Hannah Margaret	J.	10	5	15	14	1	83
10	Peddahem	B. John	T.	3	3	6	6	0	80
11	Velpur	D. Nathaniel	V.	4	5	9	7	2	80
12	Lakshmipalem	P. Lazarus	V.	7	3	10	0	10	77
13	Mallaiswaram	R. Nathaniel	V.	13	5	18	13	5	74
14	Vemagheri Bank	Ch. Anandam	R.	6	2	8	0	8	74
15	Bobbarajupalem	V. Joseph	V.	10	6	16	8	8	73
16	Anakoderu	N. Stephen	V.	6	3	9	9	0	73
17	Mahadevapatnam	R. Yohan	V.	5	6	11	10	1	73
18	Muramunda	M. Emelia	J.	11	2	13	4	9	72
19	Adavipalem	K. Joseph	V.	7	5	12	8	4	72
20	Guddigudiem	Y. Joseph	T.	3	3	6	5	1	70
21	Polavaram	N. Thomas	J.	7	2	9	1	8	70
22	Korrapadu	A. Samuel	V.	10	2	12	8	4	67
23	Singanapelli	R. Samuel	T.	11	0	11	0	11	65
24	Peravaram	M. William	J.	4	6	10	1	9	65
25	Jagannadhapur	P. Peter	V.	5	7	12	10	2	58
26	Hemagheri	M. Lazarus	J.	8	0	8	1	7	58
27	Nundamur	A. Luke	T.	2	1	3	3	0	55
28	Edithy	M. Alfred	J.	1	2	3	2	1	10
29	Kondrucotta	K. Daniel	T.	5	0	5	0	5	0
30	Tellarum	P. James	T.	3	0	3	0	3	0
31	Konda Gootur	Rawyi Yohan	J.	7	0	7	1	6	0
		Total,	4	261	102	363	212	151	67

N. B.—In the column of the above table headed District, R. stands for the Rajahmundry District, exclusive of the town; V. for Velpur District, J. for Jagurupad District, and T. for Tallapudi District.

Some discrepancies between the number of scholars in the schools of the Velpur District and those given in the report on the District arises from the fact that the report of Paulus covers the whole year, while this gives the number at the time of inspection. The last three schools were disabled by the sickness of the teachers.

Since the above inspection the number of schools has increased, as the pay rolls show that in June, 1885, the number of teachers paid shows an increase in each District, R. 2 in table, 4 in June; V. 16 increased to 20; J. 7 increased to 10; T. 6 grown to 8.

STATISTICS.

Missionaries in the field during the year	3
" wives in the field during the year	2
" at home on sick leave	1
" sent out to India	1
" died in the field	1
Native Ordained Pastors	2
Unordained Evangelists and Catechists	5
Teachers—Rajahmundry, Male, 9; Female, 8	17
" Other Stations	44
	76

Scholars, Rajahmundry Mission Schools—

Primary and Secondary	117
High School	149
Mohammedan Schools	60
Normal School	15
Christian Girls' School	28
Caste Girls' School	60
	429

Scholars in District Schools—

Rajahmundry District	Schools	4,	Scholars	58
Tallapudi "	"	8,	"	70
Samulcotta "	"	13,	"	76
Velpur "	"	20,	"	280
Jagurupad "	"	8,	"	91
		53		575

Boys in Boarding House	58
Girls in " "	23
Married Boarders	10
Baptized in 1880	124
" 1881	170
" 1882	262
" 1883	356
" 1884	482
Confirmed	13
Communicants, Rajahmundry District	129
" Samulcotta "	40
" Velpur "	440
" Jagurupad "	146
" Tallapudi "	87
	842

Baptized Christians,	Rajahmundry	District	196
" "	Tallapudi	"	163
" "	Samulcotta	"	105
" "	Velpur	"	900
" "	Jagurupad	"	341
			1705

HOME AFFAIRS.

Rules and Regulations.—The Committee have with much care reduced to form the decisions and rulings of past years, with such modifications and additions as their own experience and the judgment of the Missionaries given in the progress of our work have shown to be desirable. These rules have been sent to the Missionaries now in the field, in order to secure from them their suggestions. These suggestions have to some extent been given, but we desired that they should receive a thorough examination at the Annual Meeting of the Missionary Council in January. Of course such a system of Rules must have the sanction of this General Council before they could become obligatory. We therefore submit them for your consideration. We would venture to suggest that if it be your pleasure, it might be well to give orders that they go into effect, temporarily at least, Jan. 1, 1886. Some change is also proposed in the amount of the salaries of the Missionaries, by making the salaries less than at present during the earlier years of a Missionary's labors, and allowing an advance in several stages in the latter years. We would submit our proposals for your consideration.

MISSIONARY PAPERS.

The *Foreign missionary* has now 5,470 subscribers and the *Missionsbote* about 18,000. The former scarcely meets the cost of its issue. We would gladly see an enlarged interest in the Foreign Mission work shown among our English Congregations and demanding an enlarged edition of the paper. It certainly receives much care from those who have charge of it, and whose work is a labor of love, as is all the work of the Committee.

PRINTING PRESS FOR THE MISSION.

The Junior Missionary Society of the venerable Trinity Church at Lancaster, Pa., received the petition presented by Rev. Mr. Schmidt, for a printing press for the use of our Mission, with much kindliness, and with great generosity they have presented "a press, which shall be the property and under the control of the Foreign Mission Committee of the General Council of the Lutheran Church in America, for the use of our Missionaries at Rajahmundry, India." The cost of the press was $200, and the same society has since then contributed $200 in addition to furnish types and the necessary fixtures. This is a very generous gift, and we hope that it may be of service in the work of our Mission.

MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE CONGREGATION.

The General Council has expressed its conviction that the Church, as an individual congregation, or as a combination of congregations, is the proper agency through which the mission work should be maintained, enlarged and directed. But within the congregation it is often found of great advantage that the mission work should engage the special attention of organizations made for that purpose. Sometimes the Sunday-school takes hold of the work; sometimes Missionary Societies are formed, with meetings, addresses, collecting committees, and such rules, arrangements and agencies as seem to meet the varied circumstances of the congregation. Sometimes these associations are of the young people; sometimes of the women; sometimes all kinds may be found. Some of the congregations which have shown the greatest interest in Missions, and where that interest has endured longest and been most steady, have had such associations. We commend these suggestions to those who would advance the Lord's cause.

MORE LAYMEN ON THE COMMITTEE.

We venture to present a thought which has pressed itself on the attention of the Committee. There would be a great gain to the work entrusted to us if we were given the presence, counsels, practical tact and hearty interest of a number of prudent, devoted, earnest laymen. There are now but three laymen on the Committee, and even these are scarcely ever able to attend. Would it not be well to seek out men of the kind desired, who have such command of their time as to enable them to devote one day each month to this work?

GROWTH OF THE MISSION WORK.

When we look back to the time when we took charge of the Mission, now sixteen years ago, and contrast the feeble beginnings with the present condition of the Mission, we find abundant causes for gratitude. The Lord has prospered the work of our hands; or rather, however sadly little our hands have wrought, the Lord has prospered His work. "When I arrived in Rajahmundry, Dec. 10, 1860," Father Heyer wrote, "I found a catechist, schoolmaster, and dilapidated buildings; ten miles off, at Muramunda, a school house, a catechist, and a teacher; in Metta, twelve miles off, a teacher and a few children. On Easter, 1870, I administered the Lord's Supper to twenty-five communicants at Rajahmundry, and on Palm Sunday to twenty-two at Muramunda." This was all. Those two catechists are now our Native Pastors. The statistics show how teachers, schools, scholars, Christians, communicants and congregations have increased. We are conscious of much hesitation

and inefficiency often on the part of the Committee, and at times of human infirmities on the part of the Missionaries. Nevertheless, the Lord has used earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of Him. But the enlarged expenditure calls for much enlargement of our gifts. If the Lord opens the way for more schools, teachers, scholars, churches, enquirers, converts, we can scarcely pray Him to stop His work, so that it may not cost so much. As the work grows, our interest and our liberality should grow. Our Mission has now received such renewal and increase of its clerical force that we have even better hopes for the future. The Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious unto us!

FINANCIAL REPORT.

During the fiscal year there have been two Treasurers in India—Mr. Artman until his death, and Mr. Dietrich since then. The death of Mr. Artman was so sudden and unexpected that he had no opportunity to make out accounts of expenditures made by him, and we have not yet been able to secure a full statement of all the items. The whole sum of his receipts is, of course, accurately known, and the balance on hand at his death. We have therefore merely given a summary statement for that period. Since Mr. Dietrich became Treasurer, in September, we have accounts in full, such as Mr. Artman had before sent for each half year since he was Treasurer. But as the chief end of our minute reports is to show the cost of the different parts of the work, we will furnish here in full the expenditures of the second half of the year, and present Mr. Dietrich's report for the broken period before January in summary:

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES IN INDIA.

Rev. H. G. B. Artman, Treasurer, July to September, 1884.

Received by draft from America		$2,000 00
" " collections, sale of bricks, etc		7 30
Total Receipts		$2,007 30
Deficit July 1, from previous term	$ 58 87	
Balance on hand at his death	444 13	
		503 00
Expenditures by Mr. Artman		$1,504 30

Rev. F. S. Dietrich, Treasurer, September to December, 1884.

RECEIPTS.

From former Treasurer		$ 444 13
By draft from America		1,250 00
By Contributions :		
Rajahmundry English Residents	Rs. 110.0.0	
Mr. T. Van Stavern	77.4.0	
Swedes at Moline, Ills	64.8.5	
Capt. Taylor	10.0.0	
Other sources	15.6.8	
		103 90
By Collections :		
Rajahmundry—Telugu Services	Rs. 13.13.4	
" —English "	4. 2.0	
" —Telugu Sunday-school	16.10.9	
Peddahem, Communion	6.0	
Dowlaishwaram	1. 9.6	
Jagurupad	2. 4.6	
Teachers, four pice per rupee of salary	40. 9.4	
		31 00
Total Receipts		$1,829 03

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Mrs. Artman, part of salary	$135 45
" Mr. Dietrich, money due	110 76
Expenses of Hindu High School	256 90
" Boarding Department	390 27
" general and divers	158 95
" for Districts, Salaries, etc	1,029 58
Total Expenses	$2,081 91
Total Expenditures, Sept. to Dec. 31, 1884	$2,081 91
" Receipts " " "	1,828 03
Deficit	$253 88
Amount due and unpaid	200 46
Total Indebtedness, Jan. 1, 1885	$454 34

Semi-Annual Account,

January 1 to June 30, 1885.

Rev. F. S. Dietrich, Treasurer.

MISSION AGENTS.

Native Pastors, Catechists, Teachers and Assistants.

Salaries and Allowances for Travel :	
Rajahmundry, Town	$254 28
Rajahmundry District and Dowlaishwaram	59 17
Tallapudi District	154 37
Velpur District	430 45
Jagurupad District	182 35
Samulcotta District	276 44
	$1,357 06

BOARDING SCHOOLS.

Rajahmundry :	
Boys' Boarding-house, food for six months	$147 59
Girls' " " " " "	60 07
Family Boarders, " " "	38 22
Clothing, Books, etc., for all " "	41 71
Samulcotta : Boarders (stationery, $2.84)	32 58
Fees for boys at High School for six months	26 33
School Books for boys	7 81
Medicines, Samulcotta	1 27
	$355 58

BUILDINGS.

Tallapudi Mission House	$382 20
" District, Chyagalla, land and entry	14 04
" " Galata, site for school and entry	3 69
" " Stamps and fees	1 37
Samulcotta D. Schoolhouses, Kota, Kutlamur, Gorinta and repairs	10 78
Velpur District :	
Mahadevapatnam, school house and land	31 30
Kumadavelli, site for school	15 60
Kontalapelli, school house and land	13 85

Adavipalem, shed for school	$ 3 90
Agartipalem, school house	5 85
Repairs in divers places	2 91
Materials for village school houses	21 06
Rent of Hemagheri school house	1 22
	$507 87

MISCELLANEOUS.

Boat charges	$ 8 88
Ground for tomb of Rev. Becker	6 00
Taxes on property, Rajahmundry	50 70
Sundries, small items, Rev. F. S. Dietrich	161 44
" " " " I. K. Poulsen	1 10
Printing tract on Baptism	11 27
Rev. I. K. Poulsen, traveling expenses	13 75
" " " " Horse allowance	37 44
Rev. F. S. Dietrich, traveling expenses, 2½ years	58 50
Paid Indebtedness from last quarter, (to Mrs. A., $116.24; Rev. F. S. D., $24.57)	140 81
Mrs. Artman, besides her direct drafts	78 00
Mrs. Artman's servant, voyage to London	61 43
	$629 32

SUMMARY.

Salaries of Missionaries in India, 6 months	$1,600 00
Mission Agents	1,357 06
Boarding Schools	355 58
Buildings	507 87
Miscellaneous	629 32
Total expenditures in India, Jan. to June, 1885	$4,449 83

RECEIPTS IN INDIA.

Contributions, per Mr. T. Van Stavern	$23 60
" Mrs. Carlson, by Rev. Poulsen	25 26
" Friends in Schleswig, by Rev. Schmidt	3 12
" Augustana Synod, by Rev. Poulsen	38 80
" A Missionary	3 90
" Mission Agents, monthly subscriptions	14 04
Collections at Telugu and English Services	12 78
From farms or lands	25 74
" B. Prakasem, loaned by Mrs. Artman	3 90
Drafts from America for General Expenses	2,309 98
" transferred by Mrs. Artman	209 64
" for salaries	1,600 00
Total receipts in India, Jan. to June, 1885	$4,270 76
Expenditures in India, Jan. to June 1885	$4,449 83
Receipts " " " " " "	4,270 76
Deficit, July 1, 1885	$179 07
Debt due Mr. Dietrich	59 87
Due Teachers' poor fund	26 16
Whole indebtedness in India	$265 10

Estimate of Expenses—July, 1885, to June, 1886.

Salaries of Missionaries	$4,750 00
Sending out Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt	600 00
" " " " Grœnning with outfit	700 00
Mission expenses in India	6,000 00
Tallapudi and Dowlaishwaram Mission Houses	2,500 00
Expenses in America, and incidental	445 00
Total	$15,000 00

Expenditures in America.

For the Missionary papers—		
Envelopes, postal cards, etc	$ 38 09	
Title pages, Missionsbote	3 50	
Mailing papers	21 51	
Expressage and labor	7 25	
Engravings and Electros	138 53	
Business Agent's salary	100 00	
Total for Missionary papers		$308 88
Electros and engravings for a volume by Rev. H. C. Schmidt		87 00
Bills and freight for Rev. Schmidt, to be repaid		257 06
Freight on printing press to India		15 00
Missionary Reviews, 1883—1885		13 50
Secretary's postage, stationery, etc		10 00
Photographs, to be sold		15 46
Received for and paid to Hermansburg and Leipzig Missionary Societies		57 21
Books and book-binding		13 98
Discount on Canada money		2 33
Rev. H. C. Schmidt, salary and voyage to India		1,561 14
Rev. Wm. Grœnning, voyage and advance of salary		1,100 00
Salaries and Mission expenses in India		8,305 00
Mrs. I. K. Poulsen, a gift		10 00
John C. File		65
Treasurer's postage, stationery, etc		2 42
Deficit, October, 1884		423 88
Total Expenditures		$12,183 51

MINUTES

OF THE

NINETEENTH CONVENTION

OF THE

GENERAL COUNCIL

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,

IN NORTH AMERICA,

HELD IN THE

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,

CHICAGO, ILL.,

October 21st to October 27th, 1886.

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The Nineteenth Convention of the General Council.

MINUTES.

The Nineteenth Convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America was held in the Trinity Ev. Luth. Church, Chicago, Ill., Rev. C. Koerner, pastor. The Council assembled for Divine Service on Thursday morning, Oct. 21st, 1886. The opening sermon was preached by the President, Rev. Prof. Adolph Spaeth, D. D., after which the Holy Communion was administered.

In the afternoon of the same day the Council was opened by the President, Rev. Prof. Adolph Spaeth, D. D., according to the liturgy of the church.

In the absence of the Recording Secretaries, Rev. J. A. Kunkelman, D. D., was elected English Recording Secretary *pro tempore*, and Rev. J. C. J. Petersen German Recording Secretary *pro tempore*.

The roll of synods was then called, and the names and credentials of the delegates were announced.

ROLL OF THE COUNCIL.

1.—Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States.

Ministers.	Lay Delegates.
Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D.,	H. Lehman,
" B. M. Schmucker, D. D.,	J. J. Mohr,
" H. E. Jacobs. D. D.,	W. Hauff,
" J. A. Seiss, D. D., L. L. D.,	W. A. Staake, Esq.,
" J. Fry, D. D.,	T. H. Diehl,
" H. Grahn.,	R. A. Baer,
" G. F. Spieker,	W. G. Heller,
" F. J. F. Schantz,	R. K. Buehrle, Ph. D.

Ministers.

" J. F. Ohl,
" I. N. S. Erb,
" G. W. Frederick,
" G. A. Hinterleitner,
" S. A. Ziegenfuss,
" L. Groh,
" H. N. Fegley,
" F. Wischan,
" S. A. Repass, D. D.

II.—Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of New York and adjacent States and Countries.

Ministers.	Lay Delegates.
Rev. Ph. Krug,	D. Bantleon,
" A. Richter,	W. A. Schmitthenner,
" J. C. J. Petersen,	J. Herrman,
" S. C. F. Haas,	J. G. Wagner.
" J. Nicum,	
" G. H. Gomph,	
" A. Stuckert.	

III.—Pittsburg Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Ministers.	Lay Delegates.
Rev. J. K. Melhorn,	
" W. A. Passavant, D. D.,	Jas. A. Heilman,
" G A. Wenzel,	Jonathan Whitesell.
" E. Belfour, D. D.	
" L. M. Kemerer,	
" J. A. Kunkelman, D. D.,	
" J. C. Kunzman,	
" G. H. Gerberding.	

IV.—Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio.

Ministers.

Rev. J. H. Hunton,
" G. W. Meehling,
" F. Richards.

V.—Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Michigan.

Ministers.

Rev. Chr. Eberhardt,
" C. F. Haussman.

VI.—Scandinavian Augustana Synod.

Ministers.	Lay Delegates.
Rev. Erl. Carlsson,	Prof. C. M. Esbjörn,
" C. A. Evald,	John A. Enander,
" T. N. Hasselquist, D. D.,	L. M. Noling,
" J. F. Borg,	A. J. Lawrence,
" M. C. Ranseen,	Th. Freeman,
" L. G. Abrahamson,	John Erlander,
" C. O. Lindell,	C. T. Farness,

Ministers.	Lay Delegates.
" S. G. Larson,	J. Bodin,
" E. Norelius;	G. Johnson,
" P. J. Svärd,	J. W. Peterson.
" G. H. Trabert,	F. Nordin,
" Prof. W. K. Frick,	J. O. Sundström,
" J. J. Frodeen,	A. B. Lilja.
" J. Jesperson,	
" C. A. Swensson,	
" Prof. M. Noyd.	

VII.—Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada.

Minister.

Rev. J. Brezing.

VIII.—Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas.

Minister.

Rev. G. Stricker.

IX.—Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod.

No delegation.

X.—Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Indiana.

Ministers.	Lay Delegates.
Rev. C. Koerner,	L. M. Melander,
" F. C. C. Kaehler.	Albert G. Webber, Esq.

Synods with Privelege of Debate.

XI.—Norwegian Augustana Synod.

Ministers;	Lay Delegates.
Rev. O. J. Hatlestad,	A. A. Klove,
" J. C. Jensen.	C. S. Salveson.

XII.—Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa.

Ministers.

Rev. Prof. S. Fritschel, D. D.,
" " G. Fritschel, D. D.,
" J. Fritschel.

The Iowa delegation was not present in the capacity of regular delegates.

LIST OF VISITING MINISTERS IN THE UNITY OF THE FAITH.

Rev. Anderson, Paul,
" Barb, J. C.
" Cervin, A. R., Ph. D..
" Edman, L. A.
" Ekeberg, C. A.
" Fahner, R.
" Hannemann, E.
" Hemsath, H.
" Hossfeld, I.
" Lindahl, S. P. A.
Rev. McDaniel, R. E.
" Nibelius, F.
" Proehl, W.
" Reinemund, H.
" Reinertsen, P. J.
" Setterdahl, V.
" Stirewalt, M. J.
" Vibelius, J.
" Walter, A. W.
" Weizig, M. I.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

Fathers and Brethren:

After an interval of seventeen years the General Council meets again in this city. Since our last meeting our Chicago-churches have passed through a fiery ordeal, but we find them to-day stronger and more prosperous than ever. It is a matter of special gratification to find this congregation, which extended such a kind invitation to the General Council, after years of anxious care and arduous work in the possession of such a beautiful church building, which is to be dedicated to the service of the Triune God next Lord's Day.

We hope and pray that our meeting here will be a blessing to our Lutheran Churches in this important city and especially that it may be helpful to strengthen and extend our English mission work in the great West.

During the past year there has been very little correspondence of an official character to which your attention ought to be directed. On Sept. 23 a communication reached from our Immigrant Committee in New York City asking the President of this body to lay before it the request of that Committee, that in consideration of the great number of immigrants arriving in this country via Baltimore, a branch of our Immigrant Mission might be established in that city.

On October 17th the Rev. Dr. H. V. Hilprecht, secretary of the Evang. Luth. Central Society for Missions among Israel, requested me to bring to the notice of the General Council an appeal, signed by some of the most prominent men of our church in Germany, Denmark and Norway, asking to assist in the establishment of a separate institution for the training of candidates of theology for the mission work among the children of Israel. The venerable veteran of Lutheran theologians and friends of Israel Prof. Dr. Delitzsch in Leipzig, who, by his admirable Hebrew translation of the New Testament, of which upwards of 30,000 copies are circulated among the Jews, has done more for this cause than perhaps any other living man, is ready to take the position as principal of this institution.

As the important cause of a Motherhouse for Evang. Lutheran Deaconesses in connection with our General Council is not yet represented by a regular committee of this body and as it is highly important that our churches should have full information concerning the progress of this work, I take the liberty to state, that on the

eleventh day of November the corner-stone is to be laid in Philadelphia of a large and beautiful Motherhouse for Deaconesses, which the generous President of the German Hospital resolved to erect in connection with a home for aged and infirm persons.

It is highly desirable that this cause should be brought to the attention of our Pastors and congregations through our District Synods, so that an ample and steady supply of probationers should be sent from all directions to the motherhouse in Philadelphia, where at the present time some twenty sisters including the probationers are engaged in this blessed work.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with us in all our deliberations, so that our meeting may redound to the glory of God and to the building up of His Church on earth. Amen.

A. SPÆTH.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 21st, 1886.

Report of the Committee on the President's Report.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the President's report for consideration, respectfully present the following :

The President, after referring to the very gratifying advance, which our Church has made here, since the last meeting of the General Council in this city, calls attention to the following items requiring action :

1. A request on the part of the Board of Immigrant Mission in New York for authority to establish a branch of said mission in the city of Baltimore, Md., because of an increased influx of immigrants at that port.

Your Committee propose that this request be granted.

Adopted.

2. A request from Rev. Dr. H. V. Hilprecht, Secretary of the Ev. Luth. Central Society for missionating among Israel, inviting us to co-operate in the establishment of a separate institution for the training of candidates of Theology for the mission work among the children of Israel, of which Rev. Dr. Delitzsch of Leipzig is President.

In reference to this item we recommend that, although this Council takes a deep interest in all such efforts, and invokes upon them the blessing of God, yet, that in view of the multiplicity of urgent calls and the insufficiency of our resources to meet them, we are

unable to pledge any material aid, but shall be happy to remit to said Society any private contributions specially intended for its use.

Adopted.

3. In reference to the President's suggestions concerning the Motherhouse about to be erected in the city of Philadelphia for the training of Ev. Luth. deaconesses, your Committee recommend that the Vice Presidents of this body be instructed to call the attention of the Pastors and congregations of their respective Synods to this subject with the view of creating an increased interest among them in it and thus become instrumental in obtaining among their members such as may esteem it both a duty and a privilege to prepare for, and devote themselves to this blessed work of mercy.

Adopted.

G. A. Wenzel,
F. Wischan,
A. B. Lilja,
Erl. Carlsson,
W. A. Schmitthenner.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Prof. A. Spæth, D. D., was elected President of the General Council, Rev. C. A. Swensson, English Recording Secretary, Rev. J. Nicum, German Recording Secretary, Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D., English Corresponding Secretary, Rev. S. Klingman, German Corresponding Secretary, Rev. E. Norelius, Swedish Corresponding Secretary, W. H. Staake, Esq., Treasurer.

Report of the Church Book Committee.

The Church Book Committee through Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D., presented their Report as follows:

The Committee present to the Council, as directed, the Orders for Confirmation, Private Confession and Public Confession before the administration of the Lord's Supper. If we may judge by the progress made at previous meetings of the Council, this will furnish as much matter as can be acted on at the present meeting. The Council at its last meeting approved the arrangement and adopted the parts of the Order for Confirmation, as far as the close of the direct act of confirmation. There remain of nat Order

two parts, concerning which no action has as yet been taken, either as to their acceptance as parts of the Order, or as to the text.

A great desire has frequently been expressed that the Orders for Ministerial Acts may be given to the Church as early as possible, and much complaint made of delay in publication; and as the examination of these Orders and decision with reference to them on the part of the Council is necessarily slow, and at the rate of progress in the past will occupy many years; we raise for the consideration of the Council the question, whether it would be well to instruct the Committee to complete with great care the remaining Orders and the translation of them, and to publish them for temporary use. This would enable the members of the Council to examine them more fully and to test them by temporary use, before final action on them. It is possible that in this way final action may be reached in less time than by the present mode.

It would be well for the Council to decide, should it give such instruction as has just been suggested, what Orders should be included in such publication. It would probably be possible to complete the Orders for the Visitation and Communion of the Sick, the Burial of the Dead, and for Marriage, without much delay.

Since the last meeting of the Council the Outline of the Common Service Book for those who use the English Language has been unanimously approved and adopted by the Southern General Synod; all three General Bodies, whose joint Committees united in its preparation, have now unanimously adopted it. Each committee has designated one member to serve on a joint committee of preparation. This sub-committee has held two meetings during the year, one at Roanoke, Va., after the meeting of the General Synod South, and another at Pottstown in September. This meeting, intended to last two weeks, was interrupted by the recall of Rev. E. T. Horn, on account of the earthquake at Charleston, but it will be resumed Nov. 2, at Pottstown. The Committee has made such progress with the work as to have agreed on the text of the Morning Service as far as the Prefation. No serious changes have been proposed in the text as finally approved by the Council for the German Church Book, except that a few Introits, taken from the Apocrypha, may be altered. In the post-communion service it has been proposed to omit the Nunc Dimittis, because it has not the approval of the consensus of the 16th Century Lutheran Liturgies. Since the Vesper

Service has been adopted and is to be inserted in the English Church Book, and the use of the Nunc Dimittis is provided for in it, this may cause little regret. But if the Council should earnestly desire that it be retained in the post-communion service, it has been provided that the Service Book of any one of the agreeing parties may be allowed to retain any additional parts which do not disturb the normal service. Whether the Joint Committee of the three general bodies will recommend any changes in the translation, remains unacted on.

Another very interesting question has suggested itself, concerning which no action of the General Bodies has been taken. Whether an effort should be made to secure, by the co-operation of the three bodies, a standard translation of Luther's Small Catechism and of the Augsburg Confession, both of which are included in the Service Book of each body. There is no commonly accepted standard English translation of these two important Confessions. That approved and adopted by this body, however we may esteem it, is still capable of improvement, and the provision of a standard translation, which would be generally adopted, would be very desirable.

The Report was received.

Resolved to take up the discussion of the Order of Confirmation at that point where it was left off last year:—"the Exhortation to the Congregation."

Resolved, that the Committee be instructed so to revise this section of the Order as to make the first part a declaration to the Catechumens, and the second part an exhortation to the Congregation.

On motion it was decided to omit the word "vollen" in the German text.

This Section, as now amended, was adopted as a whole.

The "Closing Prayer" of the Order was read and on motion adopted as a whole.

Resolved, that the attention of the Committee be called to the words "unsere Kinder" in the German text, and that there be substituted for them some other more comprehensive phrase.

The Order of Confirmation as amended was adopted as a whole.

The Order for Private Confession and Absolution was taken up for consideration.

Resolved, that a form for Private Confession be provided in the Church Book.

The "Confession of Sins" and the "Absolution," as recommended by the Committee, were adopted.

The Committee was authorized to insert also a briefer form of "Confession."

The Order for Public Confession was then considered.

The beginning of the Order, taken from the Vesper Service, was adopted.

The insertion of the "Exhortation" was sanctioned, and the one proposed was approved.

Resolved, that the Committee be authorized to insert, if they find it appropriate, an introductory sentence before the Questions and after the Exhortation.

Resolved, that the Committee be instructed so to change the third question as to express the desire for Absolution and the belief in its validity before God, omitting the personal construction in the first part of said Question.

The Questions were adopted.

Resolved, that a demand for an answer be introduced in the proper place and shape.

Resolved, that in the rubric before the "Confession" the words "the Minister" be omitted.

Resolved, that the form of the "Confession" be adopted.

The "Retention" was adopted.

The Committee may at its discretion insert a hymn after the Lord's Prayer.

The Order of Public Confession and Absolution, as now amended, was adopted.

The discussion of the second part of the Report of the Church Book Committee led to the following action:—

Resolved, that the suggestions of the Committee be adopted, and that authority be given them to publish for temporary use the Orders already adopted, together with the Orders for the Visitation and Communion of the Sick, the Burial of the Dead, and the Celebration of Marriage.

Resolved, that the General Council desires the retention of the Nunc Dimittis in the Communion Service, for optional use, and requests the consent of the Joint Committee to its retention by the Council.

In regard to a uniform translation of Luther's Small Catechism and of the Augsburg Confession,

Resolved, that the suggestion of the Committee be approved,

and that the Joint Committee of the three General Bodies which has united in the preparation of the Common Service Book be requested to prepare as perfect a translation as possible of the Small Catechism of Luther and of the Augsburg Confession; and that they be urged to invite the co-operation in this work of such other Lutheran Bodies in this country as use the English language.

Resolved, that the Church Book Committee of the Council be authorized to procure a copy of early English translations of the Augsburg Confession, and that the cost be paid out of the income of the English Church Book.

Resolved, that the Church Book Committee be instructed to revise the Church Book and to propose any such slight alterations and additions as they may deem desirable for the consideration of the Council.

The Report as a whole was adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

Report of the Committee on English Home Missions.

The Committee on English Home Missions has had eight missions under its charge during the year just closed. Their condition and progress will appear from the following statements gleaned from the reports of the Missionaries.

Trinity Church, Chicago, Rev. C. Koerner, Pastor. The congregation continues to increase in numbers and means. Its establishment upon a permanent basis is assured, and no doubt it will be self supporting in the near future. The current expenses of the year have been promptly met. The annual revenue from regular sources within the congregation has been increased by several hundred dollars. The completion of the audience room for the uses of worship, which was begun early in the spring, is expected to be accomplished by the time the Council meets. It has cost about $13,000. Towards this amount the congregation has raised nearly $6,000, including $830 received from friends in the East for memorial windows. About $2,000 are expected to be secured this fall, which will leave a deficit of over $4,000 to be provided for by a loan. The funded debt now amounts to $12,000; adding to this the deficit just mentioned makes a debt of at least $16,000 resting upon the congregation, which they expect to pay off gradually. The floating debt of $500 mentioned in the last report has been paid.

At the Sunday School festival held in January, 316 scholars were reported enrolled, an increase of 69 over the preceding year.

A class of 35 Catechumens was prepared for confirmation on Palm Sunday.

The pastor says: "The past year has been very busy and richly blest. The joy our people feel in having a suitable and beautiful house of worship after all these years of waiting cannot be expressed in words. To God be all the praise." The parochial report is: Baptisms 20; Confirmations 38; Received by transfer 20; Communed 205; Marriages 17; Burials 11; Losses by removal 4.

Wicker Park Mission, Chicago, Rev. F. C. Kaehler Missionary. Services have been maintained regularly during the year. The Sunday School has an attendance of 200 scholars. The church debt remains the same as at last report, viz: $4,200. The congregation has raised $1,100 for current expenses. The Ladies Aid Society continues to render valuable assistance in all church work, and is really what its name implies.

The parochial report is: Infant Baptisms 12; Confirmations 10; Receptions from other churches 4; Marriages 10; Burials 10.

St. John's Church, Minneapolis, Rev. G. H. Trabert Missionary. The average attendance at Divine Services in this mission is reported to be "far better" than in former years. The Sunday School is very prosperous, 140 scholars being enrolled, an increase of 60 over the previous report. The Sewing School established and maintained by Mrs. Trabert and her assistants numbered 60 scholars during the Winter months. The Pastor's adult Bible Class held at 4:30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon is one of the most promising features of his work. About 60 persons, male and female, between the age of 18 and 30 years attend it, most of whom are connected with other congregations. Among the additions to communicant membership were Americans, Germans, Swedes and Norwegians, embracing material which is expected to render valuable aid to the Church in the near future. The contributions of the congregation were nearly double those of the preceding year. Still they are not sufficient to meet the ordinary expenses and outside aid has to be solicited. This the Pastor states is the most discouraging feature of his work. The interest on the heavy debt, the taxes and repairs &c., which must annually be provided for, drain the resources of the people and materially hinder the progress of the Church. The Missionary says: "I am quite sure that if we were rid of this pressing debt, the congregation would prosper so as to soon come to a self-sustaining basis." But notwithstanding this and other difficulties the year has brought a substantial advance. The congregation is better known,

prejudices against it are being removed, greater strength has been acquired, and the outlook is more hopeful. The parochial report is: Number of communicants, 65; Number of souls belonging to the congregation, 10; Infant Baptisms 18; Burials, 9; Marriages, 13; Confirmations, 8; Received by transfer, 16; Losses, 5; In Sunday School, including Adult Bible Class, 200.

Toledo, Ohio, Rev. S. L. Harkey, D. D., Missionary. The past year has been one of trial in this mission. Several unworthy persons in the membership gave a great deal of trouble. But their efforts to injure the congregation have failed of full accomplishment, although they have hindered, to some extent, the pastor and members in the work of building up the Church. The Missionary reports the most hopeful feature in the present prospects of the Church to be "the greater unity that has been brought about among the members by the elimination of the elements of discord." The annoyance which has existed from the beginning by the presence of unruly persons has given way to a better state of things. Over $200 were paid on the debt last Fall, and mainly by the efforts of the Pastor more than one half of the amount falling due on Sept. 15th was raised at the date of his last report, and what was lacking was expected to be made up by the congregation. With this payment made the debt is reduced to $1,400. The property is worth $5,000. A catechetical class was instructed during the winter, and Sunday School regularly maintained, although it has been greatly in need of teachers and helpers. The Pastor writes hopefully of the future prospects of the mission, and looks for "peace, co-operation sympathy and strength." The parochial report is: Baptisms, 11; Confirmations, 13; Receptions by letter, 6; Losses, 12; Burials, 4; Marriages, 5; Sunday School Teachers 10, Scholars 130; Communicants, 94. Total sum of money received by the congregation for all purposeses, $562.

Memorial Church, St. Paul, Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, Missionary. On the 6th of Sept., 1885, the corner-stone of the new church was laid, and the building was dedicated Dec. 20th of the same year. It takes the place of the little temporary frame structure which had served the purpose of the mission, but was found too small for the increasing attendance. The new building is 36x50 ft., and cost $4,500. The chancel furniture, memorial stained glass window and organ were the gifts of friends. Far more convenient and attractive arrangements have thus been made for public worship, adding ma-

terially to the success of the enterprise. A debt of over $5,000, however, rests upon the property, which is a serious incumbrance upon the small membership, and a hindrance to growth and ptogress which it is earnestly desired to have removed. The Sunday School, has almost doubled its number during the year, over 60 scholars being in attendance. The great need of the school has ben a sufficient number of teachers. The Pastor says: "The mission has not been without the Divine blessings. The year just closed, whilst it has been fraught with great trials and anxious labors, has, notwithstanding the many hindrances, been the most suceessful of all." The parochial report is: Baptisms, Infant, 13, Adult, 1; Confirmations, 4; Received by transfer, 15; Marriages, 5; Burials, 2; Communicant members, 59.

Rev. Haupt has also commenced a mission in West St. Paul. He was assisted in this work during the summer by Mr. Elmer F. Krauss, a student now in the Senior Class of the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, who spent his summer vacation in St. Paul in the interest of the new enterprise. The mission was organized and incorporated July 7th under the name of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Bhurch. A corner lot was purchased for $1,700, on which $900 were paid. Here it is proposed to erect a chapel, the plans for which are being prepared. The Missionary reports the outlook for this movement to be promising.

Red Wing, Minn. The Rev. G. H. Trabert has contined to hold services here, every other Friday evening, in the Swedish church. He also instructed and confirmed a class of catechumens. No organization has yet been effected, and until that is done and Divine Service held on the Lord's Day regularly, we cannot expect to accomplish much in the way of building up a church, although we can to a large extent hold our material. Red Wing is represented as a promising place for an English mission, inasmuch as it is an old settlement and hence has more abundant anglicized material than is found in places of later establishment. The lack of means prevents our doing more here at present.

Dakota Mission, Revs. W. F. Ulery and W. O. Wilson Missionaries. The first three months of the present year were employed by the Rev. W. F. Ulery, the Senior, in work as a traveling Missionary on the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad, between Fargo and Mandan. A better acquaintance with the field was thus gained, and preparatory work performed as a basis for future operations. Bismarck was placed in charge of Rev. W. O. Wilson.

About the first of January Bro. Ulery, with the permission of the Committee, came East, and during his stay visited a number of our churches in the interest of his mission and secured contributions for the same. Returning to his field, Divine Services were held by him during the Spring months alternately at Fargo and Bismarck. At Fargo, through the kindness of the Superintendent of the Fargo & Southern Railroad, the Passenger station of that road was secured for Sunday morning services, free of expense, no other place in the town being available. In the month of May a lot of ground, centrally located at the corner of two streets, was purchased and preparations made for building on it. On July 25th the corner-stone of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Fargo was laid, and since then most of the time of the Missionary has been spent in pushing this enterprise, and in canvassing the town, hunting up and interesting the Lutherans of the place in the new Church and raising money for the completion of the building. About $1,400 have been subscribed in Fargo for this purpose. The church is a neat frame structure, in Gothic style of architecture, 36x50 feet in size, and will seat from 250 to 300 persons, and inclusive of the ground will cost about $4,000. It is expected that it will be ready for dedication on the 31st of October next.

Steps have been taken to secure a charter for the congregation and complete its organization. This done and with its own completed house of worship, with very little or no indebtedness resting upon it, very favorable prospects would seem to be assured to this mission.

Rev. W. O. Wilson remained at Bismarck during the first qvarter of the year, preaching regularly in the Swedish church which was placed at his disposal for that purpose. He was laboring there among his people with satisfaction and acceptance, when his health failed, and about the first of January he returned to his former house in Pennsylvania, to be under the care of his family physician. During the Winter he was hopeful that he would be able to go back to Bismarck in the Spring, but in this he was disappointed, and finally, as advised by his physician, resigned his position, his health not permitting him to resume work in Dakota Territory. The Committee greatly regretted the necessity which compelled Mr. Wilson to resign, and sympathized deeply with him in his affliction, and hope that amid the surroundings of his home he may regain strength and be permitted to labor for years to come in the vineyard of the Lord.

Decatur, Ill., Rev. J. D. Roth, Missionary. In accordance with the recommendation of the General Council at its last convention, the Committee was led to extend aid to this mission by making a small addition to the salary of its Pastor and acting in connection with the Indiana Synod in caring for it. When the present Pastor took charge, on Sept. 21st, 1885, he found a communicant membership of 35, and 60 scholars enrolled in the Sunday School. The congregation were worshiping in a small hall, it being the best place that could be secured for public services. An offer had been made by Mr. M. L. Deck, one of the members, to donate a lot of ground 80x150 ft. in size, located in the central part of the place, and valued at $7,000, on condition that a suitable and substantial church building should be erected on it in a year's time, of a value equal at least to that of the lot. The offer was accepted and the Pastor and members addressed themselves with commendable energy to the difficult task of raising the money for this undertaking. The corner-stone of the new edifice was laid May 24th, 1886, since which time the work has steadily progressed, and the building is now under roof. The total amount expended upon the building so far is $6,246, of which sum the citizens of Decatur have contributed $1,600, members of the congregation $1,149, other Churches $487, and $3,000 have been borrowed. It will require from $2,000 to $3,000 to enclose the church, toward which $800 in good subscriptions have been secured.

During the year three services have been held each Lord's Day, two for worship and the preaching of the Word, and one for the Sunday School. Two other meetings were held during the week, one for the study of the Sunday School lesson, and the other for the practice of church song.

The parochial report is as follows: Number of families, 30; Number of persons in regular attendance, 70; Additions to communicant membership, 12; Infant Baptisms, 4; Losses, 1; Communicants, 46; Contributions from all sources within the congregation for current expenses, $523.58.

In addition to these missions quite a number of other places in Minnesota and Dakota have been visited by the Revs. Ulery and Trabert, who have in various ways ministered to the spiritual wants of our Lutheran people residing there; but we do not specify these different points, inasmuch as no organizations have been effected and regular services are not maintained. The future, however, will likely show the value of these occasional visits, as our own material

will thereby be held for our Church, and made ready for the establishment of permanent congregations.

From the above brief accounts the Council will gain some idea of what has been accomplished in the prosecution of the work under the charge of your Committee. But how meagre the number of missions compared with what really ought to be reported. Knowing as we do the many fields which ought to be occupied, some of which have sent in most urgent requests for missionaries capable of preaching in the English language, we feel that we have hardly made a beginning in meeting the requirements of the Church. Our great want has always been the money to pay salaries. It was this which compelled us to decline the offer made a year ago on the floor of the Council, viz., that if we would send a man to San Francisco, $500 would be furnished during the first year for his support. This sum would not have met the outlay needed to pay the expenses and salary of a missionary for the first year, and we had no guarantee that the gift would be continued another year, and therefore felt assured that our treasury would not justify the taking of so important a step. The treasurer's report shows that we have correctly judged. The contributions for the year, instead of increasing, have decreased, and our indebtedness now is larger than it was a year ago. Our great reason of this is that so many of our churches send no contributions to our treasury at all. Nearly two thirds of those to whom we justly have a right to look for aid in supporting this English work, do nothing whatever for it. Another reason is that many churches send all their contributions to their synodical treasuries, and reserve nothing for this general work, apparently ignorant or unmindful of the fact that the Synods vote us no funds out of their treasuries, but have told us again and again to look to the congregations for support. We have good reason for saying that many Pastors and congregations would be entirely satisfied if part of their funds raised for Home Missions, were expended under the auspices of the General Council's Committees, but they nevertheless continue the practise which they have followed for so many years, and send the whole of their contributions to the Synod's treasury, and consequently nothing comes from them into our treasury. Then again there seems to be on the part of many entire apathy towards the great need of the Church in this direction, or at least a want of appreciation of it, and the consequence is that year after year goes by without any effort being made to help on this general mission work. Your Committee painfully realize that we are losing time

and losing ground, in our failure to occupy places which are ready for us to take possession of, but which are falling into the hands of others of an alien faith. We know very well that there are many calls upon our people for gifts for various objects of Christian beneficence, and that consequently it may be said, we ought not to expect such large contributions for missions as seem to be required. But the question may be asked, are we doing our duty in this matter of giving for the Church's work? Are our people giving enough? Has any one of our congregations done what it ought to have done?" We do not believe that any of these questions can be answered in the affirmative. We are coming short of our duty fearfully, we are lagging behind, when the will of God as shown in his Providence and his Word is, *to go forward*, to do with our might what our hands find to do, to work while it is day. Can this honorable body device a way by which the masses of our people can be reached and inspired with greater zeal in this most important cause, or formulate any better plan than that which we now have for carrying it on? Certain it is that if we expect to accomplish any considerable part of what really ought to be done, we must have far more liberal support from the Church at large.

The report of the Treasurer is herewith submitted as a part of this report.

Report of the Treasurer of the English Home Mission Committee.

Incomes:

Cash by contributions and donations	$3,553 07

Expenditures:

To Salarics:		
Rev. S. L. Harkey, D. D., Toledo	$375 00	
" C. Koerner, Chicago	450 00	
" F. C. C. Kaehler	375 00	
" G. H. Trabert, Minneapolis	750 00	
" A. J. D. Haupt, St. Paul	300 00	
" W. F. Ulery, Bismarck	475 00	
" W. O. Wilson	125 00	
" J. D. Roth, Decatur	66 67	
		$2,916 67
Balance on hand		636 40
		$3,553 07

Amount due Missionaries up to Oct. 1, 1886	$1,000 00	
Indebtedness to Thiel College	1,000 00	
Three years interest on the same	180 00	
	$2,180 00	
Less amount in Treasury	$636 40	
Amount of our indebtedness to date Sept. 30, 1886.		$1,543 60

HENRY BEATES, Treasurer.

The undersigned, Auditing Committee, have examined the Treasurer's Report for the past year and found the same correct.

Oct. 1st, 1886. R. B. MILLER.
W. W. KURTZ,

Report of The Committee of German Home Missions.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; and gathered them out of the lands, from the East, and from the West, from the North, and from the South. They shall praise the Lord for His goodness, for He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

A large number of dear Christians, members of our Church, are thus grateful to the Lord for what He has done for them through the efforts of your Committee. How could *we* do otherwise than unite in rendering thanks to Him who has so kindly added His blessing to the work undertaken in His name.

On the other hand, in view of the immensity of the field before us, we can but regret, that we are unable to show great results in gathering the ripe harvest. All the more earnestly must we pray and labor—labor faithfully—for he that has put his hand to the plow and looketh back, is not fit for the kingdom of God.

The Brethren Rev. *G. A. Hinterleitner*, of Pottsville, Pa., and Mr. *C. D. Boschen*, of New York, were re-elected members of the Committee, with which they had been identified before.

In reviewing our field we begin with

I. Canada.

a.) The *Thorne Centre Mission*, on the "Upper Ottawa," consists of the congregations Thorne, Admaston and the congregation at Renfrew gathered by the missionary, in all 67 families, served by the Rev. *J. Langholz.*

b.) The *Denbigh Mission*, consisting of Denbigh, Sebastopol and Plevna, is also situated on the "Upper Ottawa," or rather, on the precipitous heights of the "Lawrentian Mountains." Rev. *F. Nitardy* continues as missionary. This mission is the most laborious of all, for here is the boundary of civilization.

c.) The *Muskoka Mission*, with the congregations at Draper, Monk, Ryde and Morrison, all four situated in the dreary Muskoka District. Missionary, Rev. *A. Blunck.*

d.) The *Hullett Mission*, in Huron Co., Ontario; Missionary, Rev. *E. Neudörffer.* This mission advances internally and externally. Attendance at service is better than ever before, and the congregation has increased somewhat. Six persons, of whom three were adults, were confirmed. But now the people desire a pastor of their own. Hitherto they were supplied by Pastor Neudörffer, from Zurich, 30 miles away. The people offer a house and $200 salary per annum, in the hope that Synod will add what may be lacking.

e.) *Bethlehem* and *Linwood*, have by the addition of *Wallace*, become a new thriving parish, under the care of Rev. *Ernest Meinhold.*

The Pastors *Mueller*, *Litwien*, and *Maass*, who were also placed into the field by your Committee, continue to labor in their respective congregations.

For these missions the sum of $695 was expended by the Synod, besides the $750 contributed by the churches for the church-edifice at Denbigh—aggregating $1,445.

II. Michigan.

The indefatigable traveling missionary of this Synod is Rev. *E. Menke.*

Rev. *H. Abelmann* serves the three congregations at Northfield, Ypsilanti and Whittaker Station, all in Washtenaw Co.

Rev. *H. Lemster*, formerly the assistant of the Rev. Mr. Raible in Monroe, Mich., was called to Titabawassee, Saginaw Co., and installed there by the President of the Michigan Synod, the Rev. Chr. L. Eberhardt.

III. Texas.

At the request of our Committee, our President, Rev. F. Wischan last spring visited our mission-field in Texas and attended the meeting of the Texas Synod held May 13-18 at Yorktown, Texas. Most cordial was his reception by the Synod, which put it upon record that during a period of 34 years this was the first time that a Brother from the North had come to be present at their convention.

All the missions of the Synod were transferred to the German Home Mission Committee of the General Council. At the same time a Synodical Board of Missions was established consisting of the officers of the Synod and of the Conferences, whose sphere it is to supervise the missions. The mission work in Texas is not an easy one, for the German settlers are scattered far and wide over its immense territory.

Rev. *C. Kreuzenstein*, our traveling missionary, on Nov. 1, 1885, removed from San Marcos to Temple, Bell Co. Among other things he relates: On a certain occasion I met a woman who, as she herself declared, had not been in a church for 26 years, and who wanted to have nothing to do with Church in future. Contrary to my usual custom and manner I was compelled to address her with holy zeal. Long had I stood before her like a poor beggar. Her husband soon yielded, but the woman remained hard as a stone. No word of love or admonition took effect, until, at last, I said: "Mrs.———should you once stand at the door of heaven and beg for admission, as I now stand here before your door and beg not for myself but for my Saviour, then will you hear from the Lord, who sends me, the words: "Depart from Me, I have never known you!" Impressed with these serious words, she consented, was connected with the congregation, came to church with her adult children, and for the first time in 26 years attended a German Lutheran service. Her heart was moved, her eyes became fountains of water, and every word penetrated her heart like an arrow. I could relate a number of such instances, but let this suffice."

1. At *Temple* he, last fall, organized a congregation consisting of 20 families. The name selected was "Bethlehem Congregation." A church lot was secured and a church erected, the interior of which is not completed They hope to accomplish this before the close of the year. He requests aid, as the people, although poor, have done all they could.

2. At *Clifton, Bosque Co.*, 55 miles north of Temple, the Rev. Mr. Glatzle had begun to hold services. Our missionary took charge of the people, preached there once a month, and on September 19, 1886, organized "Ebenezer Church." An active Christian life is observed in this congregation. They are negotiating for a building-lot. After the cotton harvest our missionary expects once a month to spend four days there for the purpose of imparting instruction.

3. *Killeen* lies 30 miles west of Temple. Invited by letter,

Rev. K. went thither and now supplies the Lutherans there. As five different denominations are laboring here, it is not a strong point.

4. In *Buckholtz*, 25 miles south-east of Temple, seven Bohemian and as many German families reside. They live scattered, but are supplied from Temple once in two months.

5. At *Bosom Creek*, Williamson Co., 35 miles south-west of Temple, Rev. K. preaches at the request of six families, which formerly "belonged to the Texas Synod." Here some 30 or 40 German Lutheran and an equal number of Wendish families are said to reside.

Wherever our missionary spends the night in the homes of the people, he holds a "Bibelstunde", to which the neighbors are invited.

Lutherans in Indian Territory have requested him to visit them also.

Rev. Kreuzenstein receives a salary of $700 from our treasury. From this amount he pays his own traveling expenses.

At *Austin* Rev. Mr. Wischan visited our missionary Rev. *H. Merz*, and was very much pleased with the beautiful new St. Martin's Church in this the capitol of the State. A debt of $4,000 still rests upon the building. Members of our Committee have placed a number of bonds @ $25 with 4 per cent interest issued by the congregation. Six of these bonds, due three years hence, were presented to our Committee by their owners. The divine blessing has rested upon the labors of Pastor Merz in this field. As city-missionary our treasury supplies $400 of his salary.

Rev. *R. Fiedler* is still active at Fredericksburg, Gillespie Co. In coming to Synod, it was necessary for him to spend three days on the way. In his field also an energetic church life is manifested.

Rev. *W. Hummel* is stationed at Castroville, Medina Co., and serves a nice congregation. As Secretary of the Board of Missions in Texas he is very actively engaged in work for the Synod.

Rev. *F. Weiszkopff* had succeeded in the erection of a beautiful new church at Elm Creek, Guadalupe County. It was dedicated on May 2. Two months later, on July 8th, it was totally destroyed by a hurricane. "Roof, tower, bell, walls are all leveled to the ground. Only the sacred utensils, the crucifix and the picture of Christ are uninjured." The distress of the congregation and its dear pastor was all the greater, because the new church had not been entirely paid for. Nothing daunted, however, and with new zeal, the erection of another edifice was undertaken. Ere this second church

could be completed, the terrible storm, which, on the 20th of August last, swept over a large portion of Texas, tore it down again. Earnest appeals for assistance now came from this sorely tried people, and our people were glad to contribute something either directly or through the hands of our treasurer for the erection of the third edifice. The Lord strengthen the dear brother, who so faithfully labors for his congregation, and who has passed through such great tribulation.

Candidate *J. Langner*, who had studied with Rev. Mr. Dewald at New Brunswick, N. J., and subsequently at the University of Erlangen, Germany, was brought to Texas by Pastor Wischan. The Synod ordained him, and he accepted a call from the Lutheran congregation at Black Jack Springs. An adjoining congregation has been united with it, the two forming one charge.

A large "German-Protestant Congregation" at Fredericksburg, through the influence of Pastor Wischan, received Rev. J. Heinzelmann as its pastor. He has succeeded in introducing Luther's Catechism and will connect himself with the Texas Synod.

Urgent appeals have reached your Committee from *Cuero*, De Witt Co., a town of 3,000 inhabitants, where Rev. Pfenninger had begun a mission. St. Mark's Church has been organized here with 44 male members, who earnestly desire a pastor.

At *Brenham*, a city of 5,000 inhabitants, and which is rapidly increasing, the Methodists and Baptists have organized German congregations, whilst the Lutherans have never had a church here. When Rev. O. Konrad, who without any assistance undertook the mission here, became sick, the field again lay idle. Now Rev. C. *Kastner* has been secured to begin the work anew in this important place. A parsonage, with one room arranged as a chapel, has been erected on the ground purchased last year, and a parochial school has been opened. His wife, who has had good educational advantages assists him in teaching the school. This missionary is assisted to the amount of $400 per annum.

The mission at *Mason*, served by Rev. *C. Rapp*, was granted $100 towards the pastor's salary; and to *Kegely Hill* and *San Marcos*, supplied by Rev. C. Aepler until his removal, October 1, 1886, $150 per annum for salary.

We need men for the following places in Texas: 1. Cuero, 2. Berlin, near Brenham (an assistant), 3. McDade and Paige, 4. White Oak and Springbrand near Houston, 5. Kegely Hill and San Marcos, 6. Bushdale.

The traveling expenses of our president, Rev. Wischan, on this tour to the mission fields of the State of Texas, amounted to $171, which sum he expended from his own funds, and donated to our cause. We record our most heartfelt gratitude to him for this generous act.

IV. Nebraska.

The Rev. *J. Deguisne* still labors at Isla, Saunders Co. This congregation would prefer to have the entire service of its pastor; but in that case other portions of the field would suffer. Temporarily he has given up two of his preaching places, but on Whitsun Monday he was able to organize the "German Ev. Luth. Zion Congregation of Milton and vicinity, Saunders Co., Neb." This congregation also desires a pastor, but can do very little towards his salary. The "Albright's People" are in the region, and the missionary complains bitterly of their efforts at proselyting. They especially seek to lead captive the women, in order through them to reach the men. At present he preaches at Milton every three weeks.

At Isla a parsonage has been erected, but not quite paid for. A church edifice is to be next undertaken. Rev. Deguisne requests us to send him two men to take charge of stations which he can seldom reach.

The *New York Ministerium* this year called and received four of our laborers:

1. *Rev. J. L. Streich* became the successor of the late Rev. J. Stoldt. He was ordained Dec. 6, 1885, in St. John's Church (Rev. Kuever, Pastor), Buffalo, and the next day installed at Farnham, Erie Co.

2. *Rev. Otto Lorenz*, ordained June 26, 1886, in New York, became pastor at New Rochelle.

3. *Rev. Karl Gueldenapfel*, also ordained by the Ministerium, June 26, 1886, now labors as pastor of the church at Castleton, N. Y.

4. Candidate *F. Bambam*, from the institution at Kropp, labors as assistant to Rev. Kuever in St. John's, Buffalo, N. Y.

The *Pittsburg Synod.*—Rev. *Martin Gaudian*, from the institution at Kropp, who for a time was placed under the supervision of Rev. J. A. Dewald, New Brunswick, N. J., has been called to Freeport, Pa., to succeed Rev. Amschler. The latter has removed to *Natrond*, another portion of his field.

In the *Pennsylvania Synod* Pastor *Horak* has been laboring faithfully, and with much self-denial, among the Slavonians, as here-

tofore. Rev. *O. Konrad*, of Brenham, Texas, who last year was reported in ill health, contrary to our hopes, continued to grow worse. On the advice of the physician, we felt constrained to recall him. He was elected as successor to Pastor Gerlach at Norristown, and although still subject to occasional attacks of fever, his health is much improved, and he is doing efficient service.

St. Paul's Church at Philadelphia called one of the Candidates from Kropp, Rev. *C. Schmieder* as vicar and assistant of Pastor Wischan.

Students. Mr. *Richard Praetorius* continues his studies at Hermannsburg, and is approaching the end of the course. Mr. *Anton Horn*, who is studying at his own expense at Breklum, is preparing for our work.

Two students continue their studies at the Seminary at Philadelphia, and one at Thiel College.

Mr. *Langner*, who spent last year at Erlangen, was ordained by the Texas Synod, and is now pastor at Black Jack Springs in that State.

The Institution at Kropp, Germany.

From this institution three young men graduated last Spring. *Martin Waldemar Gaudian*, *Heinrich Cælestin Schmieder* and *Karl Franz Bambam*. At Michaelmas, *Otto Eugen Wilhelm Dodenhoeft* and *Emil Hoffmann* were admitted to graduation. These latter expect to arrive soon.

Pastor *Paulsen* continues to labor with great faithfulness, and with his wife brings many and great sacrifices for our work. They haye invested their entire property and patrimony in it. None of us desired nor expected this, but we must confess, that we stand abashed before the sacrifices which they bring, when compared with the little which we have done. Not one cent of benefit or salary does Pastor Paulsen receive from us. He has nothing but the trouble and labor. Where is there another man who brings such sacrifices for his distant brethren in the faith? We really cannot sufficiently express our gratitude to God for giving us such a man as Pastor Paulsen. And as he stands firm and true by us and our work, would it not be a double shame, if we did not stand equally firm and true by him, and aid him in his work, not for himself, but for us? He has about sixty students, of whom the larger number need assistance. We now have reason annually to expect a number of young men from this source.

Our *Treasurer's* statement accompanies this report. In the

reception of these gifts of love, we recognize the blessing of the Lord.

"*Siloah*" was able, from its *surplus*, to place the sum of *three hundred dollars* ($300) into the Mission treasury, and still retain a balance on hand of $193.59.

The "*Lutherische Kirchenblatt*", which also pays its surplus into our treasury, paid our treasurer the nice sum of *eight hundred dollars* ($800).

If the *Income from the Publications* of the General Council, after paying current expenses, printing of minutes etc., could be loaned without interest to poor missions to aid them in the erection of chapels and churches, several congregations could be thus assisted each year, and gradually a very nice *Church Building Fund*, which we need so very much, would be the result. The income from the German books could be devoted to aid German congregations and form a German Church Building Fund, and that of the English books to assist English congregations and form an English Church Building Fund. We respectfully direct the attention of the General Council to this important point.

Five years have now passed since our German Home Mission work was called into existence. "The mighty God, even the *Lord*, has spoken — — — Gather my saints together unto me." With all the means at our command, we have endeavored to accomplish this. To-day—and we praise and thank God for it—we can look upon *fifty* men, whom the Lord, in answer to our prayers, has enabled us to place in the harvest field. Not unto us, not unto us, but to Thee, O Lord, be all the glory.

We are poor, weak, sinful human beings, but in view of what the Lord has accomplished, we take fresh courage to labor on, and to continue our sacrifices for the brethren, whom he has placed before our doors. Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

Report of the Treasurer of the German Home Mission Committee.

Receipts.

Balance on hand last year	$ 129 15
Special gifts for Kropp were received	234 14
Special gift for a student at Kropp	50 00
Surplus of "*Siloah*"	300 00
Surplus of "Lutherische Kirchenblatt"	800 00
Contributions of congregations, mission societies, sunday schools, and individuals, receipted for in *Siloah* and *Kirchenblatt*	4,420 78
	$5,934 07

Expenditures.

Salaries of 7 missionaries in Texas and Nebraska	$1,125 00	
Paid Prof. Dr. Roth, balance for Mr. Glatzert	11 75	
For the support of students &c, at Kropp	3,990 86	
Traveling expenses of Missionaries and Candidates	230 00	
To Missionary Gaudian	87 00	
For Rev. Bambam, Buffalo	50 00	
Missionary E. Metzenthin, Salamanca	25 00	
For student Praetorius at Hermannsburg	100 00	
Special gifts for P. Paulsen's Institution	234 14	
Printing of circulars etc	24 17	
Special gift for student H. Rembe	50 00	
Total Expenditures,		$5,927 92
Received	$5,934 07	
Expended	5,927 92	
Balance in Treasury,		$6 15

Respectfully submitted,
J. J. KÜNDIG, Treasurer.

The Treasurer also holds in his possession six bonds @ $25 each, money loaned to St. Martin's Church at Austin, Texas; the amount to be eventually repaid to the German Home Mission Committee's Building Fund.

The accounts of the Treasurer and of *Siloah* examined and found correct.

Philadelphia, Oct. 16, 1886.

JNO. C. FILE,
J. BORN,
Auditing Committee.

Report of the Committee on Home Missions of the Swedish Ev. Luth. Augustana Synod.

To the Venerable General Council of the Ev. Lutheran Church of North America:—

"Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it, for thou hast a little strength." These words of our Lord Jesus Christ have had a special application to the Home Mission work of the Augustana Synod, especially during the past year. The more we labor, the larger the field appears, and the more inadequate our strength and our resources. We have learned that we are nothing, that our wisdom and strength are less than naught, and that we must depend entirely on God, His mercy and strength, if we shall be able to accomplish anything.

In the Augustana Synod the Home Mission work is divided between the Mission Committee of the Synod and the Executive Committees of the respective Conferences. Of moneys collected in the Synod for the cause of Home Missions, two-thirds are used by the Conferences for the mission fields within their own boundaries, and only one third is paid over to the treasurer of the Synod's Home Mission Committee that operates on fields outside of the territory of the Conferences. From this it appears that the Home Mission Committee of the Augustana Synod only does a small share of the Home Mission work of that body, and that the Committee is to a great extent circumscribed by the Conferences, and sometimes even crippled, as is the case when the Conferences use the mission funds on their own fields almost exclusively, leaving the Synod's Committee in the greatest embarrassment.

The Home Mission Committee of the Augustana Synod has its most important work on the Pacific Slope, in California, Oregon and in Washington and Idaho Territories.

Last fall Rev. E. Norelius was called to this section as Missionary Superintendent to explore the field and to advise and encourage the brethren who work on this distant and difficult part of the vineyard. This faithful brother did a good and blessed work, and we regret exceedingly that he could not continue his labors. The Synod did not want a Superintendent of Missions, some claiming that it would be to introduce a new office in the Church, and Rev. Norelius was re-elected to his old congregation in Vasa, Minn.

The following missions are under the care of the Synod's Home Mission Committee:

In California:

1. *The Swedish Ev. Luth. Ebenezer Church of San Francisco*, Rev. J. Telleen Missionary. This Church was organized 1882. A church building of frame was erected in 1884 and has a very desirable location on Mission Street. The property is now valued at $23,000. Debt, $12.000. The communicants number 206. Whole population, 287. The growth and development of this mission has been very satisfactory. Only $300 have been paid for the support of this mission during the last year, and the prospects are that it will soon become self-supporting.

2. *The Swedish Ev. Luth. Emanuel's Church of San Jose*, Rev. F. A. Linder Missionary. This mission Church was organized 1884. A commodious house of worship of frame was built in 1885

and completed this present year. Value of property, $5,000. Debt, $4,000. Communicants, 26. Total membership, 57. During the summer and fall of 1885 the mission was supplied by a student, Mr. G. Riström, and the Pastors J. Telleen, P. Carlson and E. Norelius. In January last Rev. F. A. Linder accepted a call to this mission, where he continues to labor zealously. The field is a hard one, having long been neglected. The prospects have, however, lately become brighter.

3. *The Swedish Ev. Luth. Trinity Church of Sacramento.* This mission was organized during the last winter by Rev. P. Carlson, who labored there for six months. The number of communicants is 42. The Church has no property. The German Lutheran Congregation of Sacramento has generously permitted our mission to use their church for a very small compensation.

Two other preaching places have been taken up on this field, one at Sutler Station, 60 miles north, and the other at Fresno, some 150 miles south of Sacramento. This field is not very promising, but with patient work, it is hoped that the Gospel will conquer. Rev. Le Veau of Kansas has been called to take charge of this mission and will soon be on his way thither. Other places in California ought to be occupied immediately, especially Oakland, but men and means are lacking.

In Oregon:

4. *The Swedish Ev. Luth. Immanuel's Church in Portland,* Rev. J. W. Skans Missionary. This Church was organized in 1879. A neat house of worship was built in 1882 of frame in a central location. The property is valued at $5,000. Debt on the same, $1,604.35. Communicant members, 88. Whole number of members, 131. This is a most important mission, not only for the city of Portland, where the Swedish population is steadily increasing, but also for the whole Columbia Valley. During the year the church building has been repaired at a cost of $700.

5. *The Swedish Ev. Luth. Church in Astoria.* This Church was organized in 1880, and a frame church was built the same year. Value of property, $700. Indebtedness, $200. Communicants, 75.

6. *The Finnish Ev. Luth. Church of Astoria.* Organized, 1883. Church built of frame, 1884. Value of property, $2,500. Communicants, 136. Whole number of members, 160.

Through the removal of Rev. J. J. Hoikka to a new field in Michigan last fall both the Finnish and the Swedish Churches of Astoria became vacant. They have, however, been supplied by the

Pastors J. W. Skans, L. O. Lindh, P. Carlson, G. A. Anderson and J. Norelius. But it is very important that a Missionary be stationed there as soon as possible.

7. *The Swedish Ev. Luth. Church of Coos Bay, Marshfield.* This mission Church was organized in 1884, and a neat house of worship was built the same year. Value of property, $2,500. Debt, $700. Communicants, 59. Whole number of members, 96. Since last fall Rev. C. M. Rydén has been stationed at this mission and labored with success.

8. *The Swedish Ev. Luth. Church of Walby, Morrow County.* This Church was organized last spring (1886). Number of communicants, 17. The Church is supplied at present by Rev. P. Carlson.

In Washington Territory:

9. *The Swedish Ev. Luth. Elim Church, Hokenson, Clark Co.*, Rev. L. O. Lindh Missionary. A Church was organized here in 1884 with a small number of communicants. Here are prospects of a considerable congregation, and it is hoped that by patient labor they will be realized. The mission has as yet no church property.

10. *The Swedish Ev. Luth. Church at Tacoma*, Rev. G. A. Anderson Missionary. The Church was organized in 1882. The house of worship was built of frame in 1883. Value of church property, $2,000. Debt, $100. Number of communicants, 75. Whole membership, 100. Tacoma is the most important place on Puget Sound, and this is a very important mission.

11. *The Swedish Ev. Luth. Gethsemane Church at Seattle.* The Church was organized in 1885, but a house of worship was built already in 1884. Value of property, $5,000. Debt, $4,000. Number of communicants, 20. This is a hard field on account of prevailing infidelity and sectarianism, but it is of such importance, that we would not be warranted in giving it up. The mission is supplied by the Missionary at Tacoma, but highly needs a Missionary of its own.

12. *The Swedish Ev. Luth. Johannes Church, Woodville.* This Church was organized in 1885 and has no church property. Communicant members, 25. The Church is supplied by the Missionary at Tacoma.

13. *The Swedish Ev. Luth. Bethsaida Church, Skagit Co.* This Church was organized in 1880, but has no church property. Number of communicants, 19.

These missions on Puget Sound, together with many other

places in the same district which could be taken up, can not be properly supplied by only one man, but on account of strait circumstances we have not seen our way clear to call another Missionary.

In Idaho Territory:

14. *The Swedish Ev. Luth. Church of Cordelia, Nez Perces Co.*, Rev. P. Carlson Missionary. Organized in 1880. Chapel built of frame in 1883. Value of church property, $458. Communicant members, 33. Farming land being cheap, immigration is coming in to this district, which gives promise of increase of the mission.

15. *The Swedish Ev. Luth. Zion's Church of Moscow*, Rev. P. Carlson Missionary. This Church was organized in 1884, but is as yet in its incipiency.

In Utah Territory:

16. *The Swedish Ev. Luth. Zion's Church, Salt Lake City*, Rev. J. A. Krantz Missionary. This Church was organized in 1882. A church building of brick was erected in 1885 at a cost of $7,484.84, but only the basement is as yet completed. Value of church property, $9,984.84. Debt, $2.715.94. Communicants, 56. Whole number of members, 85.

This mission the Synod has taken up as a foreign mission on account of the worse than heathen character of the field. Difficulties are here encountered that are not met with in other parts of our mission field. The Gospel must measure its strength with black heathenism in doctrine and life, and many kinds of opposition have to be met. Under such circumstances we can not expect any great immediate success, and yet we have great reason to rejoice at the results of our labor thus far. Two things are favorable for our work among the Mormons: *First*, that the Lutheran Church seems to have better access to the Scandinavian population than any other denomination. A comparison between our work and that of other Churches shows this. *Secondly*, the better administration of the laws of this land by the Government, by which the solid power of Mormonism to some extent is broken. Since the church was erected at Salt Lake City, the attendance at the services has been increased, and the little congregation has been much encouraged. In December last, a lady Missionary, in the person of Mrs. Hilda Carlson, widow of Missionary A. B. Carlson, was called to assist our Missionary at Salt Lake City, and her services have proved eminently useful. A Sunday school and a week school have been commenced, each of which

has been attended by 20 children. In connection with the Church at Salt Lake City our Missionary serves

17. *The Swedish Ev. Luth. Elim Church at Ogden.* This mission was organized in 1885 with 17 communicants.

At a large number of other places in Utah mission work ought to be commenced immediately, but we are unable at present to do so.

In Maine:

18. *The Swedish Ev. Luth. Church of New Sweden.* This Church has not yet been regularly received into our Synod, but has applied for reception. It has severed its connection with the New Jersey Synod and called a Missionary from our Synod, in the person of Rev. M. U. Norberg, who has been on the ground since last spring and is partly supported by our Home Mission Committee. The prospects of this mission of soon becoming self-supporting are good.

We are sorry to say that nothing has been done for the large and increasing *Finnish* Lutheran population in this country. Some measures ought to be taken in time to inaugurate a properly organized work among this people, and we would ask if it would not be proper for the General Council to indicate what ought to be done.

Seamen's Mission is to some degree carried on by 4 of our Pastors, viz., at Boston, Brooklyn, Philadelphia and San Francisco. At Philadelphia only this work has been supported during the year as usual by our Synod.

These are our out-stations, but our principal mission work is carried on by the respective Conferences and within their territorial boundaries. The Minnesota Conference has the largest mission field, comprising not only the State of Minnesota and part of Wisconsin, but also the whole of Dakota Territory and Manitoba in British America. The Illinois Conference has an extensive field in Michigan and Wisconsin. The Eastern, or New York, Conference, comprising the New England States, the Middle States, together with Florida, is an immense mission field, and the same may be said of our Western Conferences, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska, with hundreds of mission fields.

The harvest is indeed great—God has set before us an open door, and we rejoice at the opportunities, but at the same time we tremble in the consciousness of our responsibilities. We feel and we confess that we have but "little strength." May God have mercy

upon us and upon our scattered people, and grant us more faith and sacrificing love. The greatest consolation and reward in our labor, anxiety and struggle is, that God has blessed our work among our destitute, scattered and perishing countrymen, not only so that congregations have been organized and churches erected, but, above all, in converting sinners, bringing lost sheep back to Christ, the good Shepherd, and granting consolation, strength, grace and peace to many a perishing soul.

Besides four Institutions of learning and two Hospitals, the Synod supports five Orphanages, at Vasa, Minn., Andover, Ill., Stanton, Iowa, Mariedahl, Kan., and Jamestown, N. Y.

The contributions for missions during the last year have amounted, for Home Mission to $9,480.42 and for Foreign Mission to $5,799.42, total $15,279,84, being about 24½ cents per communicant.

According to a resolution by the Synod, two thirds of the contributions for Home Mission are used by the Conferences for their own mission work, and one third shall be paid over to the Synod's Home Mission. But during the last synodical year only $2,217,41, or about one fourth, came from the Conferences, and the Synod's Board of Mission has been in very embarrassing circumstances. We could not recall our Missionaries from their important stations, and they could not remain on the field without support. The Board had to borrow several thousand dollars in order to continue our Home Mission work, and $2,471.29 were borrowed from the Foreign Mission fund. In this fund there was left money enough to pay $500 to the General Council's Mission in India in accordance with a resolution by the Synod, but on account of change of treasurer, this has been neglected. But this will be corrected at once and the money sent.

In our Synod an extra effort is made this year to increase the contributions, both to the Home and Foreign Mission.

May God bless our Missions and prosper the work of our hands.

Andover, Ill., October 1886.

ERL. CARLSSON,
Chairman of the Swedish
Home Mission Committee.

The Reports were received for consideration.

The Report of the English Home Mission Committee was adopted.

The Report of the Treasurer of the English Home Mission Committee was adopted.

Resolved, that the German Home Mission Committee be requested to furnish a statement in writing at this meeting, defining the relation of the General Council to the Institution at Kropp. In compliance with this resolution a paper on the subject was presented by Rev. Wischan. This led to the following action:

Resolved, that the partial report presented be returned to the German Home Mission Committee with the request that the Committee will present, at the next meeting of the Council, a precise statement of the relation of the Institution at Kropp to the General Council, as determined by the official action of the Council, or by action of the Committee in the name of the Council, as well as what obligations now rest on the Council with reference thereto.

Resolved, that that part of the Cerman Home Mission Committee's report pertaining to the incomes from the publications of the General Council be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The Report of the German Home Mission Committee was adopted.

The Report of the Treasurer of the German Home Mission Committee was adopted.

The Report of the Swedish Home Mission Committee was adopted.

By request Mr. Webber was granted the privelege of presenting a paper on Home Mission Methods.

This paper was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The Committees on Home Missions were elected as follows:

The English Committee on Home Missions:

Revs. J. A. Seiss, D. D., L. L. D., S. Laird, D. D., H. E. Jakobs, D. D., F. J. F. Schantz, R. M. Zimmerman, Messrs. J. Jacob Mohr, W. W. Kurtz, P. A. Keller, Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Mr. E. R. Artman, Mr. Henry Beates.

German Committee on Home Missions:

Revs. F. Wischan, F. W. Weiskotten, E. F. Mohldehnke, Ph. D., J. C. J. Petersen, J. J. Kuendig, and Messrs. F. A. Stohlmann, J. Born, A. Bendel, J. C. File, W. A. Schmitthenner.

Swedish Committee on Home Missions:

Revs. E. Carlsson, J. Wikstrand, H. O. Lindeblad, L. G. Abrahamson, C. O. Olander, and Messrs. Gustaf Johnson, S. M. Johnson, Samuel Hoogner, C. J. Samuelson.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D., English Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions, presented the *Annual Report*, printed in English. (See Appendix.)

Report of the Treasurer.

Incomes:

By contributions, donations &c., from Missionary Societies, Churches and Individuals		$10,986 32

Expenditures:

To balance, salaries of Missionaries and other expenses	$10,744 87	
Balance	241 45	
		$10,986 32

"Missions-Bote" Account.

Incomes:

	$3,780 62

Expenditures:

Expenses for printing &c	$2,264 85	
Balance in Treasury	1,515 77	
		$3,780 62

"Foreign Missionary" Account.

Incomes:

	$612 11	
Overdrawn	555 01	
		$1,167.12

Expenditures:

	$1,167 12

The above accounts having been examined by us, we find them correct both as to items of charge and discharge thereof.

Oct. 18th, 1886.

H. Grahn,
Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer,
Edw. E. Sibole.

The Reports were adopted.

Resolved, that the Council approves the decision of the Committee on Foreign Missions in closing the High School at Rajahmundry.

Resolved, that 250 extra copies of the Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions be published in German.

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to prepare and publish, in the Swedish language, a brief statement of facts regarding the Mission of the General Council among the Telugus of India.

The pamphlet will be published in octavo, about 16 pages and 2,500 copies.

Committee: Revs. E. Norelius, M. J. Englund, and Prof. C. M. Esbjörn.

Committee on Foreign Missions:

Revs. A. Spaeth, D. D., B. M. Schmucker, D. D., C. W. Schaeffer, D. D., E. E. Sibole, F. W. Weiskotten, F. Wischan, M. J. Englund, W. A. Schaeffer, J. E. Nidecker, J. P. Deck, and Messrs. W. H. Staake, Esq., A. Fahlberg, H. Frank, F. R. Baner, Dr. H. V. Hilprecht.

IMMIGRANT MISSIONS.

Report of the Immigrant Mission Committee.

To the Venerable General Council of the Ev. Luth. Church of North America.

We submit herewith the following papers:

1) Report of the German Missionary, Rev. W. Berkemeier,

2) Report of the Swedish Missionary, Mr. A. B. Lilja,

3) Report of the Treasurer Mr. W. A. Schmitthenner,

containing the particulars of the missionary work done during the past year. We also call attention to the importance of establishing a branch of our Immigrant Mission at Baltimore, Md., which is alluded to in the report of our Missionary.

Mr. Johann Möller, hitherto a member of our Committee, has withdrawn, and we should recommend the election of Mr. Richard I. Mannheim, in place of the above.

New York, Oct. 1st, 1886.

W. Hauff,
Secretary of the Immigrant
Mission Committee.

Report of the German Missionary.

To the General Council of the Ev. Luth. Church in North America:

The present has been a year full of encouragement and rich in blessing to our Immigrant Mission, in so far as we were permitted to carry on our work unmolested and in quietness. What this work mainly consists in, we have already communicated to this body in our previous reports. But we take occasion here to say with gratitude to God, that it is being carried on with the most gratifying success. Our large and commodious house offers to passengers and such as may be committed to our care every desirable accommodation,—its management by the excellent host, Mr. Johann Offerman with his faithful attendants,—our active connection with the missionary societies in Bremen, Hamburg and Antwerp through their efficient Missionaries Krone, Mueller and Eisenberg,—the good name our Mission sustains both at home and abroad, as well as the active sympathy and support it enjoys on the part of its many friends far and near,—these were, under God, the means through which our success has thus far been assured.

From April 1885—1886 we entertained in our Mission House 11,700 immigrants. Among these were 1774 poor, whom we were enabled to assist with board and lodging and money. In addition to these, we furnished, during the winter, free of charge, to other destitute, aggregating 6,386 meals, the expense of which was covered partly by a donation of $228, kindly sent us by the "German Society" of our city. All the guests of our house come more or less in contact with our Immigrant Mission and mostly take part in the devotional and divine services regularly conducted in our chapel. We also distributed to immigrants, during our stated visits in Castle Garden, some 20,000 copies of our tract, Testaments, Lutheran periodicals and almanacs.

Although there has been of late a marked falling off in immigration, there having arrived only about 50,000, our mission had nevertheless, comparatively speaking, a very considerable patronage. There is, however, reason to believe that during the coming year the influx of these strangers will again greatly increase.

We were highly pleased with a visist from Rev. Paul Mueller, the Missionary of the Ev. Luth. Emigrant Missionary Society of Hamburg. This gentleman came to us in August last, commissioned by his Committee personally to examine our House and work,

with the view of afterwards reporting to the same the result of his examination. During a ten days' stay with us, he had an opportunity of informing himself thoroughly in regard to both, and we have every reason to believe that this visit will greatly contribute not only in strengthening the friendly relation already existing between these transatlantic brethren and ourselves, but also in promoting, by our co-operation, the blessed work in which we are mutually engaged.

The favorable mention made of our House and Mission in public papers, as well as the many private letters sent to us, containing expressions of gratitude for favors received, are all very gratifying; yet it is nevertheless very desirable that both our ministers and congregations connected with the General Council would more frequently avail themselves of the advantages our House offers them, than is now being done. Our usefulness and efficiency would be greatly increased if in cases, as they occur, all business referring to emigration would at once be put into our hands. If those among our Pastors, the members of whose congregations intend to send for their friends and relatives in the fatherland, would only instruct them to apply *directly* to us, for securing their passage! This arrangement would at once put travelers in our care, enable us, under the direction of our Mission, to take them, as it were, by the hand both in Germany and here, and thus protect them against many of those dangers with which both their bodies and souls are threatened, and, with the help of God, conduct them in safety from their old to their new homes. Some of our brethren have already kindly complied with our request, and we trust that others will follow their example. We often have great difficulty in again straightening out the crooked ways into which immigrants have been led. All this might be avoided. Those concerned might reach their destination by the most direct and safest route, if they were expedited by us from the beginning to the end of ther journey. I therefore allow myself to submit to this reverend body for consideration the following, namely: "to recommend to the Pastors connected with the General Council, earnestly to instruct their congregations, that in case any of their members should have occasion to send for friends or relatives in Europe, to do so through the intervention of our Immigrant Mission."

Inasmuch as in late years the principal current of immigration has set in, in the direction of Baltimore, Md., and also inasmuch as we have already frequently had our attention directed to the im-

portance of having a representation of our Mission also in that city, I take the liberty of submitting to the consideration of the General Council the propriety of authorizing its Immigrant Mission Committee in New York to establish, with the help of God, a branch or auxiliary society in Baltimore for the benefit of our immigrating brethren in the faith.

The Swedish Immigrant Missionary, Mr. A. B. Lilja, residing here under the auspices of the Augustana Synod, is actively and constantly co-operating with us in the work of the Lord. He greets and receives his countrymen in Castle Garden, attends to such as desire to put up at our House, and faithfully counsels, directs and cares for them, till they are ready to resume their journey for their future place of destination. We work together in delightful harmony. The same is equally true in regard to the faithful Danish Pastor and Immigrant Missionary, the Rev. R. Anderson. In our House no difference is made between those committed to our care as to their support, and during the winter season especially there may be seen sitting at our "charity table" as many Scandinavians as there are Germans.

Herewith follows the annual report of our Immigrant House, dating from April 1885—1886, to which we merely add that our Institution, through a merciful Providence, has recently been greatly comforted.

1. A very particular friend of our House whose name for the present is to be withheld, but who of late years has frequently gone in and out among us and manifested a most lively interest in our work, came to us last winter with a donation of a round $13,000 for the benefit of the Immigrant House. True, the Board of Managers agreed to accept it with the condition annexed, namely that of securing to the donor and his wife (who are respectively 75 and 78 years af age), during life annually the sum of nearly $900. But as this sum is not much in excess of the amount which we usually have to pay in interest for borrowed money, we have still before us a very fair prospect of relieving our Institution of the burden of debt under the weight of which it has hitherto been groaning.

2. Another friend, Mr. John Kuntz, of Philadelphia, Pa., who for years has been a fast friend and active supporter of our Institution, on his recent safe return with his good wife from a visit to Europe, handed us a donation of $1,000 for the benefit of our Immigrant House.

Taking this opportunity of sincerely thanking our kind friends

for their substantial aid in our Mission, we conclude this report with an earnest prayer to God bountifully to reward them and continue in future to prosper and bless our work among these strangers to the honor and glory of his name. W. BERKEMEIER.

Report of the Immigrant Missionary Axel B. Lilja from October 1st, 1885, to October 1st, 1886.

To the Venerable General Council of the Evang. Luth. Chureh of North America.

Herewith I submit to you my annual report concerning the work among the Scandinavian immigrants in Castle Garden.

During the past year the number of immigrants, that arrived from Sweden, Norway and Denmark at the port of New York were 33,526.

The numerous arrivals of course kept me very busy. Such a multitude, composed mostly of the adherents to the Luth. Church, is a congregation that demands a great deal of work, especially as the Missionary must in many cases assist the immigrants in their temporal affairs. The Missionary must be at home not only in the chapel, but in the baggage-room, and wherever the poor foreigner needs help and guidance. Nearly every day we find, among the arrivals, mothers with several children on their way to their husbands. These families are often very helpless, and we are obliged to spend a good deal of time for their care. But it is a joy to see the hundreds of children coming here, as they in time will add to the influence of the Luth. Church. As we do our best to direct the families to Luth. settlements, the children will be gathered into the Luth. Sunday Schools, and the fruits of this mission will show themselves in the increased numerical strength of the Luth. Church. As in former years, we have tried to distribute as many good tracts and religious papers as possible. Among these we will mention a tract issued and printed by Evangeliska Fosterlands Stiftelsen (The Evangelical Society of the Fatherland) at Stockholm. This tract has the following heading:

"What Church are you going to attend in America?"

The answer is given in the tract by directing to the Luth. Churches and Pastors.

We are very thankful to this society for the interest in the welfare of the immigrants, and for their zeal in behalf of the Luth. Church in the United States. In this connection may be stated the

wish of having a Luth. emigrant-mission in Gothenburg, which is the main port of emigration in Sweden. A Missionary at Gothenburg could aid the mission here and also direct the emigrants to the Luth. House, where we, together with the Rev. W. Berkemeier serve the immigrants to the best of our ability. The only difficulty is to get the necessary support for such a mission. It ought to be supported and controlled from America. At certain times Missionaries have been supported at Gothenburg by the Rev. Mr Ahlberg, but what is needed is a permanent mission. It is a great benefit to the mission, that we have a chapel in the Luth. Immigrant House, 26 State Str., New York. When the immigrants remain a day or more in New York, we gather them together and hold Divine Service with them in said chapel. The immigrants are touched to tears, when they sing their native hymns and hear the word of God in the foreign land.

We are glad to state that the Commissioners of Immigration have taken steps to prevent such Mormons to land, that may be accounted as paupers. This impedes somewhat the Mormon-immigration. Commissioners Starr and Stephenson have been very active in this matter, and we know that these Commissioners have the heartiest sympathy of the General Council. I have served them as an interpreter, and by examining the Scandinavian Mormon immigrants I have been able to direct the Commissioners' attention to persons that ought not to be allowed to go to Utah. At these occasions I have a good opportunity to instruct these poor deluded souls, and I do my best to warn them against American Sodom in Utah.

Every year a good number of immigrants are detained in New York on account of sickness and poverty. I have visited the sick in the hospitals and assisted the destitute as far as the means allowed. For 28 persons we have paid a part of their fare to their destination; others we assisted in getting suitable work. 8 children, who had come without parents or relatives, we have assisted and directed to their destination. This is a field of labor, that would require a great deal of money, if all should be assisted, but we are glad that we have been able to help quite a number of our country-men.

Hoping, that God will continually bless this important mission of the General Council, we remain

Your obedient servant

AXEL B. LILJA, Missionary.

Report of the Treasurer of the Immigrant Mission of the Ev. Luth. General Council of North America. From Oct. 1st, 1885, to Oct. 1st, 1886.

1885.			
Oct. 1.	To balance in treasury for Immigrant Mission	$ 18 17	
	" " " " " poor immigrants	78 24	96 41
	Receipts for Immigrant Mission:		
	Donations received from individuals, from Churches and Synods as published in the church papers	923 01	
	Collected by A. B. Lilja, Swedish Missionary	130 00	1,053 01
	Receipts for poor immigrants:		
	Donations from individuals, from Churches and Synods as published		550 80
	Total		$1,700 22
	Disbursements for Im. Mission:		
	Salary of Missionary Rev. W. Berkemeier 1 year	$600 00	
	Part of salary of Missionary A. B. Lilja	400 00	
	Contributions to Bible Society and Mission	15 00	
	Expenses for traveling and collection	16 00	1031 00
	Disbursements for poor immigrants:		
	55 cases of assistance to poor immigrants in cash and for traveling expenses	$199 87	
	2,750 meals to poor immigrants out of work	275 00	474 87
	Total disbursements		$1,505 87
1886.			
Oct. 1	To balance for Immigrant Mission	$ 40 18	
	" " " poor immigrants	154 17	194 35
	Total		$1,700 22

New York, Oct 1, 1886. W. A. SCHMITTHENNER, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

W. HAUFF,
L. F. I. ANGER,
Committee.

WARD'S-ISLAND MISSION.

Report of the Immigrant Mission Committee for Ward's Island.

Your Committee reports to the General Council that the Chaplain, P. L. H. Gerndt, performed his usual duties on Ward's Island as in former years. It cannot be denied, that there are not so great numbers to be attended to as formerly. As an average there are about 200 sick persons on Ward's Island, of which there are about 30 per cent protestant resp. Lutheran. 19 children have been baptized during the year, and 52 were buried. Regular

Sunday services were held, and 61 received the Sacrament of the Altar. Services were attended to as an average by 11—12 persons. In Sunday School the average was only 2⅓, and at present there is none, because there are no children. — The Chaplain fulfilled his duties in the usual way amongst the sick, poor and desolate, but it was not easy for your Committee to raise the necessary funds. There were some yearly subscriptions, but they were not sufficient. Your Com., therefore, authorized the Treasurer to publish an appeal in the Church-papers for supporting this mission, and to have circulars printed for the regular subscribers with the request of sending in their subscription. — $50.00 were paid during 10 months to the Chaplain monthly. In consequence of an appeal for the Ward's Island Mission the Secretary received a gift from a lady, and at the same time a letter with the suggestion, that the Ladies' Societies in the Gen. Council should undertake to support this special mission. If only 50 Ladies' Societies should be willing to pay yearly $10.00 each, the whole question of supporting this mission would be settled. Your Com., therefore, recommends this proposition for consideration. The report of the Treasurer will show the present state of our finances.

J. PETERSEN, Sec'y.

The Ward's Island Mission.

Ever since the new law went in force, according to which only those immigrants were admitted to the institutions, who had not been in the country a year, there have been but few on the Island, in comparison with the large numbers to be found here in former years. The greatest number on our books at any one time during the year, which ended Sept. 30, was 279, the smallest 155, the average being 218¾. This includes the inmates of Nursery, Barracks, Insane Asylum and Hospital. A census, taken by me some years ago, showed that between 28 and 29 per cent of the population was protestant. Another census, in which the inmates of the Insane Asylum were not included, gave 26—27 per cent.

During the past year 19 children were baptized, and 52 (25 children) bodies interred.

There were 61 communicants, 42 partaking of the Lord's Supper in the Chapel. The largest number present at service was 25, the average 11 3–56. In the Sunday School the largest number was 6, and the average 2 8–25. Since April Sunday School has been discontinued, because there were no children to attend it.

The friendly relations, existing between the Immigrant House and Ward's Island, have been continued, and especially Missionary Lilja often visited the sick and served as interpreter.

Mrs. E. Roxendorf, a lady specially fitted for this sort of work, continues to visit our sick, particularly her countrymen, Swedes, and she does her work faithfully and well. A Norwegian deaconess is also in the habit of visiting her people here. The Danish clergyman Rev. Mr. Anderson and others help us with pleasure.

Besides myself there is also an Episcopal clergyman, who visits the Island and attends to the wants of the people of his Church. He at times baptizes children, reads the service over the dead and administers the Lord's Supper to the sick. He is aided in his work by a sister of mercy.

The Bible Society is always ready and willing to provide the printed Word, which circulates among our people in about 12 languages. Religious and other papers are sent us and are gladly read. May good reading-matter never be wanting!

Some years ago we had regular English services. Then the Episcopal clergyman conducted them, and he was sometimes prevented from being present. This happened often and although I endeavored to again bring the English speaking protestants together for service, I was forced to stop and await more favorable times.

Hitherto six Commissioners, appointed by the Governor of the state, have formed the Immigration Board. The Mayor of the city, the Presidents of the German and the Irish Societies are ex officio members of it. A new law appoints one Commissioner with a salary, and two assistants. The Presidents of the two societies are added as an advisory board. Thus far the Senate has failed to confirm nominations made by the Governor. In the mean time the old Board holds over.

The Lord has been our help, and to him alone be glory and praise! May he pardon our shortcomings and enable us to do our work, and may he bless it! Amen.

Ward's Island, Oct. 14, 1886. L. H. GERNDT.

Report of the Treasurer of the Ward's Island Mission.

Receipts:

Balance in treasury Oct. 1, 1885	$100 38
Donations from congregations and individuals as published in the church papers	422 65
Total	$523 03

Disbursements:

Salary paid to the Missionary, Rev. L. H. Gerndt, 1 year	$515 00
Printing German and English circulars, postage	8 03
Total	$523 03

New York, Oct. 1st, 1886. W. A. SCHMITTHENNER, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct. W. HAUFF,
L. F. I. ANGER,
Committee.

The Reports were received and adopted.

For action on the proposed Baltimore Mission, see the Report of the Committee on the President's Report.

Immigrant Mission Committee: Revs. J. H. Baden, C. E. Lindberg, L. Koenig, J. J. Petersen, and Messrs. William Hauff, W. A. Schmitthenner, L. F. I. Anger, Henry Guenther, R. J. Mannheim.

General Expense Fund.

1885.				
Oct. 12	To balance on hand			$213 07
" "	To cash, Swedish Augustana Synod towards printing the minutes, per Rev. E. Carlsson			25 00
" 21	"	collection on Thursday morning		10 35
Nov. 10	"	from the Pittsburgh Synod		161 00
1886.				
Feb. 5	"	Rev. C. G. Fischer,		1 00
Mar. 26	"	Jno. C. File, Treas. Publication Com., at Annual report to General Council		146 09
May 27	"	Publication Committee for reported sales and premiums thereon from Brobst, Diehl & Co., 500 copies @ 5 c	$25 00	
		I. Kohler, Sonntag Schulbuch with music, 500 copies @ 5 c	25 00	50 00
July 17	"	St. Johannes Gemeinde, P. Ph. Krug, Newark, N. J.,	$ 3 00	
		Dreifaltigkeits Cemeinde, P. I. Steinhäuser, Rondout, N. Y.,	5 00	8 00
Oct. 16	"	From Jno. C. File, Treas. Publication Society, Surplus from Kirchenbuch	$1 325 79	
		Deutsche Katechismus	12 75	
		Sonntag Schulbuch ohne Noten	72 26	
		Little Children's Book	38 17	1,448 97
	"	Ig. Kohler, S. S. Book music		12 50
		T. H. Diehl, " "		12 50
				$2,088 48

1885				
Oct. 21	By cash,	Sexton's fund, expenses		$ 10 00
Dec. 4	"	Rev. S. L. Harkey, postage on Minutes of General Council, and wrapping and mailing and expressage on Foreign Mission Report		40 00
" 9	"	Craig, Finley & Co., 500—40 pp. Reports of Mission	$59 00	
		1,000 wrappers	11 00	
		100 wrappers	1 10	
		1,200—40 pp. Reports, covers and binding	30 00	
		Directing and mailing Reports	3 50	104 60
1886				
Jan. 20	"	Expenses of Secretary for years 1882, 1883, 1884 and 1885 for paper, expressage, postage &c.		9 21
Feb. 9	"	Germania Printing House, on account—printing German Minutes		123 31
Mar. 26	"	dito		73 04
June 7	"	Balance do.		27 65
" 7	"	Blade Printing and Paper Co., printing English Minutes	175 25	
		Expressage on F. M. sheets	3 50	
		4 qrs. No. 1 Eastern Manilla	80	179 55
				$ 567 36
		Balance		1.521 12
				$2,088 48

Examined and found correct.

W. Hauff,
John Erlander,
John F. Herrman,
Committee.

The Reports were adopted.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

The Trustees have given attention, during the year, to the matters referred to them by the Council, and respectfully report the action they have taken on these several items, as follows.

I. Sunday School Books and Catechism.

The Trustees were instructed to adjust the difficulties that had arisen between the Publication Committee and the publishers of these books, in an equitable manner. (See Eng. minutes 1885, page 77.) Accordingly after having taken the advice of counsel, and examined the legal and equitable rights involved, an agreement was finally reached with the several publishers, on the basis of the following propositions, which were accepted by them, viz.; with

Messrs J. Kohler, and Brobst, Diehl and Co., publishers of the German Sunday School Book, it was agreed;

"1. That the publication of the German Sunday School Book without music be turned over to J. Kohler and Brobst, Diehl and Co.

2. That these firms pay a premium of four cents per copy on this Book to the General Council.

3. That the Publication Committee of the General Council have the privilege of selling the copies it now has on hand.

4. That the contract with these firms for the publication of both German Sunday School Books, terminate in five years from July 1st, 1886.

5. That the price of the German Sunday School Book with music be reduced from $33 to $30 per hundred, the premium to remain the same as at present, viz., five cents per copy".

With the Rev. G. W. Frederick it was agreed,

"1. That the contract for the three books now published by him, to wit (a) The Sunday School Book, with music, (b) The Sunday School Book without music, and (c) The English Catechism, terminate in five years from July 1st, 1886.

2. That the premium on the Sunday School Book with music be increased to five cents per copy; on the Sunday School Book without music to four cents per copy; and on the Catechism to two cents per copy.

3. That the price of the edition of the Sunday School Book with music, now selling at $33 per hundred, be reduced to $30 per hundred.

4. That these propositions go into effect July 1st, 1886."

These agreements were drawn up in legal form by counsel, and duly executed, being signed by the respective publishers on their own behalf, on the one part, and by the President and Treasurer of the General Council on its behalf, on the other part. They are therefore now in force.

In accordance with the terms of this settlement, the Publication Committee was instructed not to print any more copies of the German Sunday School Book without music.

II. The English Church Book.

The Trustees were directed to inquire into and arrange for the settlement of the publication and sales of the English Church Book, and for the payment of the proceeds of its sales into the treasury of the General Council. (See Eng. minutes 1885, page 85.)

In compliance with these instructions the Trustees through a sub-committee entered into negotiations with a similar Committee appointed to represent the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. As the result of that conference a report was submitted to the Ministerium by its Church Book Committee, which was adopted at the annual convention, held at Easton, in June last. In order that the case may be fully understood, we present that complete report which contains the propositions on which the General Council is now asked to take action. "Report of the Ghurch Book Committe." (See minutes of Minist. of Pa., 1886, page 48.)

"The Trustees of the General Council have made application to your Committee for a determination of the relation of that body to the English Church Book, and the income derived from it. They asked that several members of the Committee might be authorized to confer with several of the Trustees, designated by them, in order to settle upon such an arrangement as may be deemed just and satisfactory. At the meeting of the conference the following facts were narrated and propositions agreed upon, to be submitted to this Ministerium and to the General Council:

The expenses of the preparation of the Church Book were borne by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. These expenses included the preparatory printing, in several successive pamphlets, of the Order of Service, the Octavo Liturgy of 1860, the printing of a preliminary edition of the collection of hymns, the preparation of the plates of the Church Book in 1868, the making of new plates for the whole liturgical part a few years later, the whole expense of preparing and editing these successive publications. In addition to these expenditures, the General Council asked that the Committee be authorized to procure as complete a collection as possible of the liturgies and liturgical works needed for the satisfactory performance of their task, in preparing both English and German Church Books, these books to be placed in the library of the Seminary at Philadelphia after the final completion of the work. For this purpose over $900 have been expended. The General Council also asked that the necessary expenses of the sub-committee on the preparation of the Ministerial Acts, and of the representative of the Committee in the tripartite Committee to prepare the Common English Service Book, be borne out of this fund. There have also been paid for some years several hundred dollars a year to the Treasurer of the General Council for its general expenses.

The Committee of conference propose,

1. That the income from the Church Book received by this Ministerium and the expenditures for it, be declared to have balanced each other."

Adopted.

2. "That the Ministerium shall from this time forth, account to the General Council for the entire income from the English Church Book.

3. That the accrued premiums now in the hands of the Treasurer, being about $1,298.93 be held subject to such account.

4. That as a large sum of money will be necessary at the completion of the orders for Ministerial Acts and of the common English Service Book, for the preparation of new plates for the whole liturgical part of the Book, and for furnishing it in such various forms and sizes as may be demanded, the disposal of the funds now on hand and to accrue be subject to agreement between the Council and this Ministerium.

5. That in order to maintain and carry over to the future completed Church Book, the rights of property now held by this Ministerium, the right and title to the English Church Book shall continue to be vested in and its publication managed by this Ministerium."

These five propositions embody the plan of settlement submitted to the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adopted by it, and are now submitted to the General Council for its action.

III. Incorporation of the General Council.

In 1884 (See Eng. Minutes, page 77) the Officers were instructed to "procure the incorporation of this body." For reasons which were stated at the last convention, it was deemed advisable to postpone that action until after the meeting of the General Council in Philadelphia. The matter was then referred to the Trustees (See Eng. Minutes 1885, page 86). The Trustees have appointed a sub-committee to draft another form of Charter, and when that form is completed, the whole question of whether it is advisable to make any change at all in our present Charter, and if so whether the form submitted shall be recommended for adoption, will come up for review, and will be a subject of future report to this body.

The terms of service of Drs. Spaeth, Jacobs and Laird as Trustees, will expire on the Third Monday of November next.

An election to fill the places thus made vacant should be held at this convention.

Philadelphia, Oct. 20, 1886. SAMUEL LAIRD,
Sec. of the Trustees.

The Report was received for consideration. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, of that part of the Report pertaining to the English Church Book were adopted.

The agreement as a whole was adopted.

Resolved, that the Council proposes and agrees that the profits on hand and accruing from the sales of the English Church Book be reserved by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania to meet the expenses attendant upon the completion of the Book as provided by the General Council.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

Election of Trustees: Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D., Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., and Rev. S. Laird, D. D., whose term expired, were reelected.

Report of the Publication Committee.

The Report of our Treasurer, in addition to the statement of receipts and expenditures, shows how many copies of each book were printed and sold, and what number is still on hand.

Recently a new edition of the German Catechism with proof texts became necessary, and is now in press.

As congregations, especially in the stage of organization, frequently desire copies of the "Constitution for Congregations" prepared by the General Council, we would respectfully suggest that your Committee be furnished with exact copies of the text as finally adopted, in both the English and German languages, in order that they may be printed for such service.

Last week a business firm in New York city raised the inquiry, whether the liturgical portion of the German Church Book could not be furnished, separate from the hymnological part of the book, as they hoped to be able to dispose of it in large quantities. The question is herewith submitted to the Council.

Respectfully submitted,
The COMMITTEE.

The Report was received for consideration.

Resolved, that the Committee be authorized to have the accepted forms for Constitution for Congregations in connection with the General Council stereotyped both in English and German.

Resolved, that the Committee publish, and if found expedient also stereotype, an edition of the Constitution of the General Council, including the "Fundamental Principles", in English and German.

The request to grant certain parties the privelege of printing the Liturgical part of the German Church Book separate was not acted upon, as sufficient information in regard to the matter could not be obtained.

Report of the Treasurer of the Committee for the Publication and Sale of the Books of the General Council.

I. Kirchenbuch.

Receipts.

For bound 1276 large and 2411 small		$2,267 25
" sheets 346 " " 1066 "		426 10
" packing &c.		17 80
		$2,711 15

Expenses.

Printing 2,350 large and 3,000 small	$633 00	
Binding 1,100 " " 2,074 "	722 90	
Packing &c.	29 46	
		1,385 36
Surplus		1,325 79
		$2,711 15

Comparison of Stock.

	Bound large.	Bound small.	Sheets large.	Sheets small.
On hand Oct. 15, 1885	858	890	489	1,904
Added since	1,100	2,074	2,350	3,000
Total,	1,958	2,964	2,839	4,904
Sold	1,276	2,411	346	1,066
Stock on hand	682	553	2,493	3,838
Sent to Rev. Mr. Paulsen			100	
			2,393	
Bound			1,100	2,074
Stock on hand			1,293	1,764

II. German Catechism. (Miniature Edition.)

Supply on hand Oct. 15, 1885	200	
Additional printed	1,000	
		1,200
Sold		900
On hand		300

Receipts:

For 900	$27 00

Expenses:

Printing 1,000	$14 25	
Surplus	12 75	
		$27 00

III. Sonntag Schulbuch ohne Noten.

	Boards.	Muslin.
On hand Oct. 15, 1885	546	1,710
Bound	1,500	1,500
	2,046	3,210
Sold	1,234	1,814
On hand	812	1,396

Receipts:

1,234 board and 1,814 muslin	$529 76

Expenses:

Printing (3,000)	$135 00	
Binding (3,000)	172 50	307 50
Surplus		222 26
		$529 76

IV. Little Children's Book.

	Muslin.	Boards.	
On hand Oct. 15, 1885	909	472	
Bound		1,250	
		1,722	
Sold	110	1,147	(48 samples for introduction
	799	575	

Receipts:

For 110 muslin and 1,147 board	$299 65

Expenses:

For printing (1,250)	$86 38	
Improvement and correction of plates	2 10	
Binding (1,250)	75 00	
For circulars, postage etc.	98 00	261 48
Surplus		38 17
		$299 65

Recapitulation:

Surplus from Kirchenbuch	$1,325 79	
Deutsche Katechismus	12 75	
Sonntag Schulbuch ohne Noten	222 26	
Little Children's Book	38 17	
		$1,598 97
Paid to the Treasurer of General Council	$1,448 97	
Balance on hand	150 00	
		$1,598 97

The balance of last report, $146.09, was paid to the Treasurer of the General Council. From Ign. Kohler, Esq., and Messrs. Brobst, Diehl & Co. were received for premium on Sonntag Schulbuch with music 750 each = 1,500 @ 5 cts. = $75.00 which were paid to the Treasurer of the General Council.

From Rev. G. W. Frederick two reports *a* and *b* were sent to the Treasurer of the General Council Publication Committee.

a. dated Obt. 1, 1885.

Premiums on 2,518 copies Sunday School Book, words, at 1 4–5 c.	$45 00
Premiums on 1,534 copies Sunday School Book with music at 3 c.	46 02
Premiums on 1,000 copies General Council Catechism at 1½ c.	15 00
	$106 34

b. dated Oct. 9, 1886. From Oct. 1, 1886 to Oct. 1, 1886

Premiums on 500 General Council Catechism at 1½ c.	$ 7 50
" " 3,000 Sunday School Book, words " 1 4–5	54 00
" " 2,284 " " " music " 3 c --	68 52
	$130 02

In regard to report *a*, Rev. G. W. Frederick sent the same to 421 Market St., at which place it was mislaid and not handed to J. C. File until some time after the close of the session of the General Council. This I state to correct the entry of the Minutes that no report was made by Rev. G. W. Frederick.

No payment of report *a* and *b* has been made to the Treasurer of the Publication Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. C. FILE, Treasurer.

Resolved, that all the premiums accruing from the contracts adjusted by the Trustees of the General Council be paid to the Treasurer of the Publication Committee, and by him paid directly into the treasury of this body, without using them for the operations of the Publication Committee.

The Report of the Publication Committee was adopted as a whole.

Report of the Committee on the Minutes of Last Convention.

The Committee to report upon the Minutes of the General Council of last year, would respectfully offer the following items as claiming your attention:

1. On page 10, the President in his report called attention of the Council to the necessity of some plan for collecting the statistics of the Church. On page 82, the Committee on the Presidents Report recommended and the Council adopted the following:— "That a Committee be appointed at this time to submit a plan at our next Convention by which complete and uniform reports may be secured of the statistics of our Church." On page 104

Prof. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., Rev. J. Nicum, and Mr. T. H. Diehl are appointed a Committee.

Are they prepared to report?

II. On page 11, we find a Committee was appointed to advise a plan to pay the traveling expenses of delegates, and on page 85, recommendations were made upon the subject.

Have the Trustees of the General Council carried out such instructions?

III. On page 15, the Foreign Mission Committee recommended a plan for a memorial of Missionary Artman, deceased, and were authorized to carry it into effect.

Have they done so?

IV. On page 52, we find a number of resolutions on a plan to increase the revenues of the Home Mission Committees, among which are these — "*Resolved* that the Presidents of Synods be enjoined to lay this action of the Council before their respective Synods, urging them to adopt such measures as shall secure the co-operation in this great work of every pastor and congregation within their bounds." "*Resolved*, that the Vice Presidents be requested to lay before their respective Synods the question of committing to the General Council, the whole work of Home Missions." "*Resolved*, that this matter referred to in the above resolutions be postponed for consideration until the next convention of this body."

Has this been done, and what is the result?

V. On page 62, the Pittsburgh Synod asked for a committee to take into consideration the subject of increased representation, and on page 64, such a request was adopted for such a committee.

Is that committee prepared to report?

VI. On page 64, we find the President was designated as the proper person to have the Constitution, By-Laws, and all standing rules and official declarations of the Council published in the Minutes, in accordance with the request of the Michigan Synod.

Has he done so?

VII. On the same page, we find a resolution requesting the District Synods to act upon amendments to the Constitution for Congregations and report their action by request of the Canada Synod.

Have the District Synods taken action?

VIII. On page 65, we find a resolution, that consideration of

the relation of the Iowa Synod to this body be deferred to the next convention.

What action is necessary?

IX. On page 77, a resolution is found in regard to referring certain difficulties in regard to the publications of the General Council to the Trustees to adjust them in an equitable manner.

Has this been done?

X. On page 86, there are resolutions in regard to the incorporation of this body.

What has been done in the way of incorporation?

XI. On the same page, the District Synods were requested to make arrangements for the examination and ordination of candidates for the Ministry who may enter the Ho me Mission field in the interim of the annual sessions?

Has such provision been made?

XII. On page 88, action upon the subject of the Catechism with explanations was deferred to this convention.

What action is necessary?

XIII. On the same page, a committee was appointed on Woman's Work in the Church and to report at this convention.

Is that committee prepared to report?

XIV. On the same page a committee was appointed to report upon the subject of a relief association within the Church at this convention.

Is that committee prepared to report?

XV. On page 89, the District Synods were requested to meet, if possible, in their Annual Conventions no later than the month of August, so as not to interfere with the meeting of this body.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

F. Richards,
A. Richter,
P. J. Svärd,
A. G. Webber,
J. A. Enander.

The Report was received to be considered item by item.

Item 1. Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., presented the following Report from the Committee on Statistics:

Resolved, that the Committee on Statistics be instructed to embody in their Report such information as they may be able to gather respecting our Educational Institutions.

Committee on Statistics.

The committee appointed at the last convention of the General Council to propose a uniform system of parochial reports for the District Synods has given the subject much care and examination, and, as the result, deems it unadvisable to make, at present, any further recommendation than such as will secure a uniform method of reckoning the number of members of our congregations. We, therefore, propose the following:

Resolved, that each of the Synods be requested to provide in the parochial reports for a column for "Confirmed Members", or "those entitled to commune", and that every effort be made to provide for the filling up of this column by the respective pastors.

Resolved, that each synod be requested to appoint a statistical secretary, to have in charge the collection of all the material for the parochial reports, and to prepare these reports for their minutes.

The Report was adopted, and the Committee (Rev. H. E. Jacobs, Rev. J. Nicum, Mr. T. H. Diehl) was continued.

Item 2. Not finally determined.

Resolved, that $60.00 be appropriated for defraying the traveling expenses of the delegate from the Texas Synod.

Item 3. Nothing completed as yet.

Item 4. Postponed until the Report on the Minutes of the District Synods is in.

Item 5. The appointment of any such Committee is not on record in the English Minutes for the last Convention. The Committee was, however, appointed, as appears from the German Minutes. The Committee consists of: Revs. E. Belfour, D. D., E. Carlsson and G. W. Mechling.

Item 6. Incorrect in the English Minutes. The Committee in question is constituted as follows: Rev. S. Laird, D. D., Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D., and Rev. Weiskotten. The Committee was continued with instructions to report at next meeting.

Item 7. Deferred.

Item 8. In regard to the Iowa Synod and its relations to the General Council:

Whereas the representatives of the Iowa Synod, Revs. Profs. S. Fritschel, D. D., and G. Fritschel, D. D., have given us a full statement and explanation of the history and meaning of the late action of the Iowa Synod at its meeting in Toledo, when it expressed its design, if acceptable to the General Council, to continue

for the present in the same relation to this body which it has hitherto maintained,

Resolved, that we see no reason why the Iowa Synod should not for the present be allowed to continue in its former relation, being confident that in no distant future the Iowa Synod will come into full organic connection with this body without disturbing its own internal peace and harmony.

Resolved, that a visitor be appointed to attend the next meeting of the Iowa Synod and to lay this action of the General Council before that body. Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D., was elected as visitor to the Iowa Synod.

Item 9. Yes.

Item 10. Answer in the Report of the Trustees.

Item 11. Deferred until the Report on the Minutes of the District Synods be presented.

Item 12. *Resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to select from among existing explanations of Luther's Small Catechism such as are deemed most worthy of commendation and use, both German and English, and report to the General Council. The Committee to consist of the persons formerly appointed to prepare such an explanation, with two members added.

The Committe: — Revs. J. A. Seiss, D. D., L. L. D., A. Spaeth, D. D., H. E. Jacobs, D. D., Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D., Rev. H. Grahn.

Item 13. The Committee through Rev. C. Koerner presented the following.

Report of Committee on Woman's Work.

The Rev. Charles Koerner, chairman of the Committee on Woman's Work in the Church, read a paper on that subject, and in conclusion recommended the following action which was adopted:

Whereas, very gratifying results have come from the organization of Women's Home and Foreign Mission Societies in some of our Churches, as seen from the Mission reports,

I. *Resolved*, that we earnestly recommend the formation of such societies in every congregation of the General Council.

II. *Resolved*, that all the District Synods appoint standing committees whose duty it shall be to report from year to year the number of such societies, contributions, etc, to the Home and Foreign cause.

C. Koerner,
L. M. Melander.

The Report was adopted.

Item 14. *Resolved*, that the Committee be continued with instructions to report at next meeting.

Item 15. Deferred until the Report on the Minutes of the District Synods has been presented.

The Report of the Committee was adopted as a whole.

Report of the Committee on the Minutes of the District Synods.

The Committee on the Minutes of the District Synods would respectfully present the following report:

I. The Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

The Ministerium of Pennsylvania held its 139th annual meeting in Easton, Pa., June 17th to June 23rd 1886. The synod numbers 238 clerical members. Of these 208 with 119 lay delegates were present. Seventeen candidates were ordained. The congregations number 408; the confirmed members, 91,619.—The parochial schools number 14 with 31 teachers and 1,292 scholars. Total of Sunday Schools, 430, teachers, 6,860, scholars, 60,312. The contributions were as follows:—for congregational purposes, $368,751.51, for synodical purposes, $33,883.36, for the General Council Missions, $10,860.13, for general purposes, $5,657.65—Total $419,152.65.

During the last year, the Synod sustained the following missions:

1. Missions under the direct care of the Executive Committee.

FIRST CONFERENCE: Hainesport and Riverside, N. J., Rev. T. N. Ander;
Millville, N. J., Rev. A. R. J. Graepp;
Doylestown, Pa., Rev. E. L. Miller;
Norristown, Pa., Rev. R. D. Roeder;
Chester, Pa., Vacant.

SECOND CONFERENCE: Bangor, Pa., Rev. B. F. Apple;
Aineyville, Pa., Rev. C. E. Sandt;
Catasauqua, Pa., Rev. C. S. Kohler;
Weatherly, Pa., Rev. L. Smith;
Eckley, Pa., Rev. J. H. Schmidt;
Slavonian Mission in Luzerne Co., Pa., Rev. C. Horack;
Summit Hill, Pa., Rev. A. C. Wuchter;
Wilkesbarre, Pa., Rev. L. H. Geschwind;
Scranton, Pa., Rev, M. L. Zweizig;
Sand Cut, Pa., Now vacant.

THIRD CONFERENCE: St. Clair, Pa., Rev. W. C. L. Lower.

FOURTH CONFERENCE: Mt. Joy, Pa., Rev. J. H. Umbenhen;
Columbia, Pa., Rev. J. R. Schoffner.

FIFTH CONFERENCE: Danville, Pa., Rev. J. R. Groff;
Upper Lykens Valley Mission, Pa., Rev. S. S. Henry;
Lykens, Pa., Rev. M.B. Lenker;
Potter and Tioga Counties, Pa., vacant.

2. Missions under the care of the Board of City Missions.

GERMAN: Frankford, Pa., Rev M. Schimpf;
Germantown, Rev. J. H. R. Wendel;
West Philadelphia, Rev. E. H. Pohle;
Rising Sun, Rev. A. Linsz;
North Penn Village and Christ Chapel, Rev. J. Witke.

ENGLISH: Chestnut Hill, Rev. C. J. Hirzel;
St. Peter's, Rev. E. R. Cassaday;
Camden. N. J., Rev. C. K. Binder;
Church of the Advent, Rev. J. H. C. Fluck;
St. Paul's, Rev. R. M. Zimmerman.

The synod aided in the last year forty students in preparation for the Ministry. Muhlenberg College continues to render good service in Christian Education. The Theological Seminary received considerable attention at the last meeting of Synod. The Synod resolved to apportion among the pastorates the amount necessary for the new Theological Seminary Building, for which a fine site has been secured at Mt. Airy north of Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa. In the Orphans Home at Germantown there were 79 children, and in the Asylum for the aged 32 inmates.

The reports of the Church Book Committee on pages 48 and 49 of the English Minutes of the Ministerium for the year 1886, presents the narrative of facts and the propositions agreed on by representatives of the Trustees of the General Council and of the Church Book Committee with reference to the relation of the General Council to the English Church Book and the revenue derived from it; said narratives of facts and propositions agreed on to be submitted to the Ministerium and the General Council. As the Trustees of the General Council will no doubt report on the subject, no further reference to the same is necessary in this report.

With reference to the German and English Home Mission work of the General Council the following action was taken by the Ministerium (see English minutes of Ministerium of 1886, page 55):

"After considerable discussion in regard to the matter of aid, when extended to the German Home Mission Committee in securing young men for their work at the Institution at Kropp, with reference to the Home Mission work of the General Council, it was resolved:

1. That we recognize the profound importance of the work both in the German and English, and the necessity for a more general and earnest support of the same.

2. That we specially commend this Home Mission work, German and English, to the prayers and generous support of all our Churches and people, and urge upon our pastors and congregations to take up at least one general collection per year for this work.

3. That according to the former agreement no appropriations shall be made by the Executive Committee to either of the Committees of the General Council."

A special meeting of the Ministerium of Pa. will be held at Philadelphia in January, 1887, for the consideration of the revision of the Constitution for Ministerium, Synod and Conferences. The next annual meeting of the Ministerium will commence on Thursday before Trinity Sunday, 1887.

II. Ministerium of New York.

The 92nd meeting of the Ministerium was held in St. Peter's Ev. Luth. Church, New York City, beginning June 24th, 1886. The time of meeting had been changed by the officers, to one week earlier than usual.

In connection with this meeting the Ministerium celebrated the centennial anniversary of its organization. A Jubilee service was held in the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, on June 27th, upon which occasion the officers of the Ministerium officiated. Rev. J. Nicum addressed the assembly.

The first century of the Ministerium witnessed a growth from 3 pastors, who founded this body, to 95. The statistics as far as completed, show as follows, 95 pastors, 97 congregations, 37 Parochial Schools, having 2,480 pupils, 50 teachers, and 13 pastors acting as teachers, 95 Sunday Schools with 1,787 teachers and 17,419 scholars. During the year the number baptized was 4,911, confirmed, 1,718, marriages, 1,919, burials, 1,950, communicants, 27,708.

Ten congregations were aided in the am't of $470.83; 7 students to the am't of $950.00.

Seven new congregations were organized, two laid corner stones of new buildings, one new church was dedicated, and also one schoolhouse. Six candidates were ordained, and seven pastors received into synodical connection. The doctrine of original sin was the subject of discussion at the last session.

The Institution bearing the name of the "Luth. Proseminary at Rochester, New York", is now known as "Wagner Memorial Lutheran College", Mr. Wagner of Rochester having presented the

purchase money of the College building, $12,000. This Institution gives promise of constant increase in number of students, and efficiency in its work for the growth of the Luth. Church in this country. Rev. A. Richter is its president. The New York Ministerium annually appoints a Visiting Committee.

The Lutheran Church in New York has brought about the passage of a new law concerning Lutheran Churches, which places the congregations, wherever desired, in a different relation to the State from that which they formerly held. But owing to certain changes made in the original draft of the Law, further steps will be taken, to establish, by enactment of Legislature, the proper relation of the Luth. Church to the State. Rev. L. H. Gerndt, chaplain on Ward's Island, has hitherto been chiefly supported by the N. Y. Ministerium; as this Mission, however, belongs to the General Council, its maintenance ought to devolve upon the General Council.

A history of the Ministerium will be published in book form, which will be completed before the end of this year.

The General Council delegation was instructed to bring the following resolution of their Synod to the notice of this body:

"That the delegates of our Ministerium be instructed to use their influence that a petition be addressed by the officers of the General Council to the Emperor of Russia requesting him to grant to his faithful subjects of the Evangelical Lutheran confession in the Baltic Provinces, the same rights and privileges which were enjoyed under the reign of his late father, and which were guaranteed them by the peace of Nystadt, in 1721; and that this petition be transmitted to the Emperor by the American Ambassador at the Russian Court in St. Petersburg."

The Ministerium likewise resolves: "That we have heard, with much pleasure, of the successful work of the German Home Mission Committee of the General Council, and that we heartily commend this work, and especially the Seminary at Kropp, to our Churches for their energetic support."

The next meeting of the Ministerium will begin on Thursday following the 1st Sunday after Trinity, and will be held in Zion's Ev. Luth. Church, Rochester, N. Y., Rev. A. Richter, pastor.

III. The Pittsburgh Synod.

This Synod is rapidly developing the territory within its boundaries. The energy and zeal of its pastoral force are telling in all departments of Church work. It is steadily advancing to the front

rank of the Synods in connection with the General Council. From the Minutes of the 44th Annual Convention held in Saegertown. Crawford Co., Pa., from August 25th to Sept. 1st inclusive, we gather the following statistical facts. Number of pastors, 94; pastoral charges, 82; congregations, 185; and communicants, 17,589. During the synodical year closing Aug. 25th, 1886, there were 10 pastors received into the Synod, 3 having been ordained in Pittsburgh, in June, 8 congregations became integral parts of the synod, 3 corner-stones of new churches were laid, 6 churches were consecrated, 1,643 infants were baptized, 1,003 persons were confirmed, and 683 were added to the membership by certificate, while 1,204 catechumens received instruction. 10 young men,—5 in the Seminary at Philadelphia, and 5 in Thiel College—were aided in their preparation for the Gospel Ministry, and 26 Missions were sustained. Contributions were made as follows. Synodical Treasury, $2,588.47; Home Missions, $1,655.76; Beneficiary Education, $1,070.79; General Council Home Mission Fund, $693.13; Foreign Missions, $355.61; Orphan Work, $549.94; Thiel College, $1,682.91; other objects of benevolence, $3,192.36; and to local objects, $24,893.64.

For the ensuing year, the work has largely increased. 16 young men have been received on the funds of Synod, and aid has been granted to 29 Missions. Arrangements have been made with the General Council Eng. Home Mission Committee to support a Mission in Kansas.

The energies of the Synod are largely directed to the upbuilding and support of Thiel College. In addition to what is contributed by the Churches toward the building fund and the general expenses of the Institution, $1,200 are annually given to the payment of the professors' salaries. Memorial Hall, a new building of the College, will be dedicated with appropriate services, Nov. 10th.

With its mission enterprises increasing and new fields constantly opening up, the number of young men from her Churches asking aid in their preparation for the work of the Ministry steadily multiplying, the ever-widening work of the College demanding additional facilities, the energies of the Synod are taxed to their utmost. But the grace of God, which hitherto has enabled them to meet the requirements made of them, we trust will not fail them, but develop, in pastors and people, that increase in giving which the exigencies of the case demand. The Synod passed the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the Pittsburgh Synod instruct its delegates to

the General Council to urge upon that body the publication of an acceptable Lesson Leaf in the English and German language, with such help and expositions as may be needed by our pupils and teachers.

IV. District Synod of Ohio.

The thirtieth annual meeting of this Synod was held in Hichsville, Ohio, September 8th, 1886. Its statistical report shows that it is composed of 31 pastors, 34 pastoral charges, 66 congregations, and 8,233 communicant members. During the year 623 persons were added to the membership of the congregations, mostly by Confirmation, and 474 infants were baptized. One pastor, Rev. W. H. Swaney, was called from his work to his reward, and four were added to the clerical membership during the year; and two churches were dedicated. Six Home Mission fields and one theological student are being maintained by this Synod. To the Synodical Mission work $1,304.00 were contributed, and to Mission work of General Council (Home and Foreign) $176.56. Total contributions to Church work, $30,391.84.

The request of the General Council in regard to the time of holding the conventions of District Synods was complied with; and the following resolutions concerning the mission work of the General Council were adopted:

1 "That we firmly believe that greater efficiency in our Home Mission work demands more concentration of effort than is now the case.

2. We also commend the Foreign Mission and Immigrant Mission work to our people and urge them to inform themselves more diligently as to the operations of this general Church work."

The attention of pastors and congregations was again called to the importance of introducing and using the Church Books and other publications of the General Council; and the Home Mission Committee was instructed to see to it that these publications be used, as far as practicable, in the Missions of Synod.

The attendance at this last convention of Synod was very large; and considerable time was spent in the discussion of doctrinal and practical questions.

The thirty-first annual convention will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Fultonham, Ohio, June 8, 1887.

V. The Michigan Synod.

The Synod held its 27th meeting in Kalamazoo, Michigan, Oct. 10th—14th, 1886. The officers of the Synod are Pastor Ch. L. Eberhardt, President, Pastor St. Klingman, Vice President, and Pastor C. F. Haussmann, Secretary. The Synod will hold its next meeting in compliance with the request of the General Council (See page 110 of last Minutes) on Aug. 25th, 1887, in the charge of Pastor Ch. L.Eberhardt in Saginaw City, Mich. Number of Pastors, 30, of congregations, 64, of teachers connected with Synod, 6, of voting members, 2,522, of communicants, 8,000.

Contributions for Telegu Mission, $590.81, for Home Missions (Synodical Mission Treasury), $540.59, for Seminary (exclusive of contributions from farm and garden), $625.38.

Two Pastors, three congregations and one teacher were received as members of the Synod at its last meeting.

The delegates appointed to attend the 19th convention of the General ouncil are the following, Pastor Ch. L. Eberhardt, and C. F. Haussman.

One part of the daily sessions was devoted to the consideration of the new Synodical Constitution. The points that were dicussed and adopted belong to the chapter that treats of the duties and rights of the congregations. The teachings of the Holy Scriptures concerning the call to the Ministry were specially considered, and it was resolved that at the next meeting of the Synod theses on this subject be presented. At this meeting attention was again directed to the importance, the necessity and the blessing of Lutheran parochial schools. All communications concerning the Seminary of the Synod shall as in the past be directed to Pastor Ch. L. Eberhardt, in Saginaw City, Mich., or to Pastor St. Klingmann, in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Finally the following resolution is to be reported:

"The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Michigan would respectfully present to the General Council the following question, and ask the Council to give an answer that cannot be misunderstood. Is the manner, in which certain Pastors of the Pennsylvania Synod practised Pulpit Fellowship with non-Lutherans at the meeting of said Synod, at Easton, Pa., in accordance with the principles adopted by the General Council with reference to Pulpit Fellowship?

VI. Scandinavian (Swedish) Augustana Synod.

The 27th annual meeting of the Swedish Augustana Synod was held in the Augustana Church at Minneapolis, Minn., June 16—29, 1886.

The statistics for the year 1885 show that the 483 congregations of the Synod number 62,586 communicants, 108,000 members. 13 young men having been ordained to the Ministry and one pastor having been received at the last meeting, the number of pastors is at present 225. 31 new congregations were received into the Synod, and 24 new Churches were dedicated during the year. Baptism was administered to 4,979 children and 5 adults, and 2,386 young churchmembers were confirmed. In the Sunday Schools 1,951 teachers instructed 17,406 scholars. And in the Parochial Schools 255 teachers were occupied, during 2,875 weeks, in instructing 9,578 children. 341 congregations are in possession of churchbuildings, and 161 of parsonages. The Church property in the possession of the individual congregations, i. e. not including the educational and benevolent Institutions, has a value of $1,426,558.86, on which however there rests a debt of $256,549.44. The reported contributions for all church purposes during 1885 are the following: Synodical Treasury, $1,037.91, Conference Treasuries, $374 55, Educational purposes, $22,888.59, Home Missions, $9,480.42, Foreign Missions, $5,799.42, Orphans' Homes, Church Extension Society, etc., $17,891.62, Regular expenses, $353,219.02,—Total $410,691.53.

At the meeting in 1885. a resolution was adopted providing for the regular visitation of the congregations by officers of the Conferences. This plan has been carried out in some portions of the Synod, and with good effect. The Synod this year renewed the resolution, and it is hoped that increased wisdom, zeal, vigor and purity in the different fields of activity in the congregational life will be the result of this new movement.

The educational work of the Synod has in every respect been exceedingly prosperous during the last synodical year. In the 4 higher Institutions of learning maintained by the Synod (Augustana College and Theological Seminary, Rock Island, Ill.; Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn.; Bethany College and Normal Institute, Lindsborg, Kansas; and Luther Academy, Wahoo, Neb) 46 instructors have taught 598 scholars. The new College building in Rock Island, Ill., which will, it is believed, be one of the finest school buildings of the West in purity of style and

adaptation to purpose, and for which, up to June 8, contributions in cash amounting to $48,245.40 had been received, will by the help of God be ready for dedication next year, and will, when completed, be an honor to the Lutheran Church of America. A new and eminently suitable school building of great dimensions has also been erected at Lindsborg, Kansas, and will be dedicated the next Thanksgiving Day. In order to give to the rapidly growing educational work of the Synod a desirable unity of plan, the synod, at the suggestion of the President, appointed a Committee of 42 members, representing the different Conferences and Institutions of learning, which Committee met in Rock Island, Ill., on August 24 of this year, discussed the whole educational work of the Synod and adopted resolutions to be laid before the next synodical meeting.

The Synod has for two years had under preparation a Bible History to be used in the instruction of the young in the whole Synod. The book will soon be issued. At the last meeting the Synod also arranged for the translation into the English language of its Catechism, adopted some years ago.

The report, which the delegates of the Augustana Synod to the General Council in 1885 presented to the Synod at its meeting this year, contained the following paragraph on the Foreign Mission work of the General Council: "The mission cause constituted one of the most important objects of deliberation at this Convention, and much time and care was devoted to its consideration. The Committee on Foreign Missions presented a very complete and interesting report on the Mission of the General Council in India. Our mission field there comprises 5 mission stations, viz. Rajahmundry with 196 Christians, Tallapudi with 163, Samulcotta with 105, Velpur with 900, and Jagurupad with 341, total 1,705 Christians. A summary of this full and encouraging report ought to be published in the "Augustana och Missionären", and the Mission in India should enjoy a warmer affection and receive greater sacrifices from us as a Synod. We do also earnestly recommend to pastors and congregations the English mission paper, "The Foreign Missionary", which is published in Philadelphia, Pa".

The next meeting of the Synod will be held in the Immanuels Church, Chicago, Ill., and begin June 17, 1887.

VII. Evang. Luth. Synod of Canada.

The 26th convention was held at Hamilton, Ontario, from 16th to 20th of June, 1886. The Synod commemorated the 25th anniversary of its organization, which had taken place in July, 1861, in Vaughan T. p, York Co., Ont. Number of Ministers, 24; congregations, 63, (including 10 Mission congregations). Two Pastors were received, and one expelled. Three churches were dedicated, and one cemetery. The Treasurer's report exhibits for mission objects, $2,167.12, for other benevolent objects, $787.00, for local objects, $5,591.00, 4 students—2 in Thiel College, 1 in Wagner Memorial College in Rochester, and 1 in Philadelphia Seminary —are assisted by the Synod, and traveling expenses of one Pastor from Germany were paid.

The Synodical organ "Kirchenblatt" showed a surplus of $114.67. The fund for the aid of invalid ministers shows an amount in the treasury of $600.00. One session was devoted to the revision of the Synodical Constitution.

The next annual meeting will be held at Logan T. p. (Brodhagen P. O.), Perth Co., Ont., in the Evang. Luth. St. Peter's Church, beginning June 1, 1887.

VIII. The Texas Synod.

The Texas Synod held ith 34th session May 13th—18th, 1886, at Yorktown, Texas. The work of the Synod during the last year had its regular routine. A zealous spirit concerning the Mission work has been awakened. It is not always possible to execute the best resolution. There is a constant want of men and means to carry on the work successfully. Several laborers who had become members of the Synod during the last year left the field again.

The traveling Missionary, who is employed by the Synod, and aided by the General Council, is working faithfully. At Temple, Bell Co., Texas, he organized a congregation that has already erected a house of worship of its own. Besides this, several other promising Missions have been organized within the bounds of the Synod. An earnest appeal was made by the Synod to all its members to assist the work of Home Missions with heart and hand and to entreat the congregations to do more for it.

The Synod expressed its hearty gratification in view of the earnest zeal and constant progress of the General Council in the different branches of its work. The Synod also acknowledged with

thanks the assistance it has received from the General Council through the German Home Mission Committee of the Council.

The system of licensure of candidates for the Ministry, which was observed by the Synod, has been abandoned.

A Committee was appointed to examine and ordain candidates.

The Constitution for Congregations as proposed by the General Council has been carefully considered by the Synod, and its report as found in printed Minutes, page 29, is recommended to the consideration of the General Council.

The next session of the Synod will be held April 28th, 1887.

IX. The Indiana Synod.

The annual convention of the Indiana Synod was held in St. James' Church, Richland county, Ill., May 27—30th, 1886. This Synod has now 19 pastors, 32 congregations, and 2,419 communicants. This body is manifesting a very active Home Mission spirit, and, together with other fields, has the chief burden of the very important Mission at Decatur, Ill. resting upon her shoulders.

The subject: "Woman's Work in the Church," was discussed at some length.

Synod will hold its next convention at Zion's Church, Mulberry, Clinton County, Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, pastor, beginning on Thursday before Trinity Sunday, 1887.

Synods with the Privilege of Debate.

1. German Synod of Iowa.

The last session of the German Synod of Iowa was held in Toledo, Ohio, June 3—10, 1885. As no meeting was held in 1886, no new minutes were furnished to enable your Committee to present a report. In the year 1885 the Synod numbered 181 Pastors, 160 congregations, and besides these, 177 congregations not organically united with it, were served by the Synod. The Synod now numbers 230 pastors,—we are not able to report the increase in the number of congregations. The next meeting of the Synod will be held in 1888.

2. Norwegian Augustana Synod.

The twenty-seventh Convention of the Norwegian Augustana Synod was held at the Scandinavian Luth. Church in the city of Milwaukee, Wis., June 1—9, 1886.

The Synod consists now of 26 ministers and 85 congregations. The Synod maintains a small College at Canton, Dakota, with 3 Professors and 75 students, and also a Theological Seminary at Beloit, Iowa. The Synod is especially interested in Home Missions among the scattered Norwegian people, and has lately established prosperous missions in Idaho and Montana. The Synod sends annually several hundred dollars to the Norwegian Miss. Society for the support of Foreign Missions in Southern Africa and in Madagascar. Some money is also sent to support the Foreign Missions of the General Council.

The next annual meeting will be held at Halstead, Norman Co., Minn., beginning the second Wednesday in June, 1887. Rev. A. Wright, Rushford, Minn., President; Rev. J. C. Jenssen, Milwaukee, Wis., Secretary; A. A. Klove, Leland, Ill., Treasurer.

Recommendations.

The Committee recommends:

1. That the request of the Pittsburgh Synod, touching the publication of a Lesson Leaf with suitable helps and expositions, be considered by the General Council and action be taken at this meeting of the Council, if possible.

2. That the resolution of the English District Synod of Ohio with reference to the centralization of General Council and Synodical Mission work be referred to the Committee on Plan for Raising Funds for Church and Mission work.

3. That the question of the Michigan Synod, viz., "Is the manner in which certain Pastors of the Pennsylvania Synod practised Pulpit Fellowship with non-Lutherans at the last meeting of said Synod at Easton, Pa., in accordance with the principles adopted by the General Council with reference to Pulpit Fellowship?" be answered by the Council.

4. That the report of the Texas Synod of its consideration of the Constitution for Congregations proposed by the General Council, be carefully preserved and considered, when the reports of other Synods on the same have been presented.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. F. Schantz,
G. H. Gomph,
G. H. Gerberding,
G. W. Mechling,
Chr. L. Eberhardt,
C. O. Lindell (per C. M. Esbj.),
J. Brezing.
G. Stricker,
F. C. C. Kaehler,
O. J. Hatlestad,
R. K. Buehrle,
J. A. Heilman,
C. M. Esbjörn.

The Report was received to be considered item by item.

Item 1. Deferred until the Report of the Sunday School Committee is presented.

Item 2. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

Item 3. *Resolved*, that the attention of the Synod of Michigan be directed to the action of the Council in a like case, as recorded in the minutes of the Council at Philadelphia, 1877, p. 19, as the answer of the Council.

Item 4. Adopted.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Preliminary action:

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to propose an efficient mode of raising money for the different parts of the work of the General Council.

Resolved, that the subject matter of the resolution, at the bottom of page 52, last year's English Minutes, be referred to this Committee.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the following:

Financial Plan

for Mission work:

1. That the Foreign Mission Committee and the several Committees having charge of the home missionary work make an estimate of the sums needed to carry on their respective work.

2. That a Committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to apportion, as equally as possible, the total sums required for the Foreign and Home Mission work among the District Synods connected with the General Council.

3. That the Vice-Presidents of the Council lay the appointments before their Synods, and see that efforts are made to secure the sums apportioned.

2. That the method of raising the apportionment be left to the District Synods, as also the designation of the sums to be given to each of the Committees.

5. When not already in existence, the Committee recommend: 1. The organization of ladies' aid societies in the congregations under the direction of the Council. 2. The making of arrangements in the Sunday Schools for the systematic collection of funds

for Missions. 3. The appointment of special times for the collection of funds in all the congregations for this purpose.

6. That all the Synods be requested to transfer the entire Home Mission work, within as well as without their bounds, to the Committee of the General Council.

7. That as soon as the transfer is agreed to, the Commitee propose the appointment of a Secretary of Home Missions to devote his entire time to the supervision of the Home Mission work.

8. That the entire work done by the several Committees shall be fully reported to the General Council and published in the Minutes, and, if deemed best, be published in a form suitable for general distribution.

J. A. KUNKELMAN,
J. FRY,
F. J. F. SCHANTZ,
G. H. GOMPH, except 6—8,
C. A. EVALD,
F. NORDIN.

Resolved, that the Report be received and commended to the earnest attention and action of the District Synods.

Resolved, that it be recommended as the order for the afternoon session of the second day at the next meeting of the Council.

Report of the Committee on the Memorial of the New York Ministerium in regard to the persecution of Lutherans in the Baltic Provinces.

A report was presented, but was substituted by the following resolution:

Resolved, that the General Council expresses its deep sympathy with our suffering brethren in the faith in the Baltic Provinces of Russia, and the earnest desire and prayer that in the providence of God deliverance may speedily be vouchsafed them.

Report of the Committee on Sunday School Work.

The Committee on Sunday School work submit the following:

Resolved, (1) that in view of the great importance of the Sunday School work, the necessity of more accurately defining its sphere of operations, and of affording aid in carrying it out more efficiently, a Committee on Sunday School work be added to the General Council's standing Committees.

Resolved, (2) that this standing Committee be requested to report next year on the subject of Sunday School organization, and a graded course of instruction.

J. F. Ohl,
G. F. Spieker,
W. K. Frick,
R. K. Buehrle,
Committee.

Preliminary action:

Resolved, that a Committee of five members of this Council, at least two of whom shall be laymen, be appointed to report to this Body on the organization of the Sunday School work of the General Council, including the Constitution of Sunday Schools, the Instruction of Teachers, the Course of Study, and the Preparation of Text Books.

The Report was received and adopted.

Report of the Committee on the Cmmunication from the United Synod in the South.

Preliminary action:

The following paper from the Visitor of the United Synod of the South, Rev. Socrates Henkel, D. D., was presented and read.

The Rev. Dr. Socrates Henkel, who was appointed by the United Synod of the Ev. Luth. Church in the South as Visitor to attend this meeting of the Council, in his letter explains and regrets his inability to attend, and says: "I would convey to you the greetings, fraternal regard and good wishes of the Synod which I have the honor to represent, congratulating you on the good and great work which your venerable Body is accomplishing in the upbuilding and extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom, in accordance with the scriptural principles set forth in the days of the Reformation. It also affords me great pleasure to state that all the Lutheran Synods in the South have united in our General Body, under the name and title: The United Synod of the Ev. Luth. Church in the South, based on the evangelical principles and policy defined and acknowledged in the Confessions of the Church, both as to doctrine and polity. In view of the elements which now seem to be at work, I trust the day is not far distant when a still more general union will be effected in North America, in harmony with these scriptural, fundamental principles."

The Committee would propose to the Council the following action with reference to this communication:

1. We regret that we did not have the pleasure of welcoming here Rev. Dr. S. Henkel, whose kindred were the first in America to bear the cost of providing, in the English language, the full Confession of our Church.

2. We rejoice that the Tennessee Synod, of which Dr. Henkel is a member, after many years of devotion to a pure confession, has now entered upon a new era of enlarged influence, in connection with the surrounding Synods.

3. We unite with all the Churches now brought together in the United Synod of the Evang. Luth. Church in the South in rendering thanks unto God on account of the successful and unanimous accomplishment of their union on the basis of the unconditional acceptance of the entire Confessions of our Church.

5. The General Council, having shown its great interest in the union of the Synods in the South by consenting to dismiss the Holston Synod for that purpose, will continue to regard with interest the work in the future of the United Synod and implore the divine blessing on it.

5. That the Council appoint a Visitor to the next meeting of the United Synod, at Savannah, in November, 1887.

Resolved, that the communication be received, and a Committee be appointed to prepare suitable resolutions.

The Report was adopted, and Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D. elected as Visitor.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

1. The Theological Seminary at Chicago.

Resolved, that the President and Treasurer of the General Council with Dr. Passavant appoint a Board of Directors to which the Seminary property shall be duly deeded, to be held in trust for the General Council.

Resolved, that the Directors appointed be authorized to make such arrangements working towards the opening of the Seminary as may be made without any pecuniary responsibility on the part of the Council.

The Iowa Synod and the income from the sale of the Kirchenbuch.

Inasmuch as the Kirchenbuch has now begun to yield a profit to the Council, the time is at hand when all the cost of its production will have been paid, and the agreement made with the Synod of Iowa come in force. That agreement was made at Akron, in 1872, in these words: "*Resolved*, that the Synod of Iowa have authority, through an agent to be appointed by them, to procure copies of the German Church Book, for sale in the congregations of that Synod; and that the percentage of the General Council on those copies be paid to that Synod."

Resolved, that the Committee on Publication, in connection with the German Secretary of the Church Book Committee, be instructed to make arrangements to carry out this agreement.

The resolution was adopted.

3. Insertion of the Morning Service into a limited number the Sunday School Book.

Resolved, that the General Council authorizes the insertion into a limited number of "the Sunday School Book" (both sizes) the full Morning Service, including the Communion Service, together with five Communion hymns, for use in our Missions, and thus prepare the way for the introduction of the Church Book.

Referred to the Church Book Committee.

4. Greetings from the Norwegian Augustana Synod.

Rev. Hatlestad presented verbally the fraternal greetings and sympathy of the Norwegian Augustana Synod.

Resolved, that the General Council has heard with pleasure the greetings from the brethren of the Norwegian Augustana Synod, and expresses the hope that they may, at an early day, come into full union with the General Council.

5. Correction of the False Report in Regard to the Position of the General Council on Private Confession, telegraphed Abroad by the Associated Press.

Inasmuch as a dispatch from this city has been extensively circulated through the country, representing our action taken on Satur-

day as including an order "requiring private confession and absolution before the clergyman, somewhat similar to the Roman Church,"

Resolved, that the General Council herewith officially states that no such action was either taken or even proposed; that, in common with our fathers, we repudiate and condemn with all our hearts any and every form of confession that requires the enumeration of sins, and that our action simply provided an order for personal confession of sinfulness and penitence, to be used by the communicant when he so desires, as well as an order for the public confession customary in Lutheran Churches at the administration of the Holy Communion.

The resolution was adopted,and the agent of the Associated Press forwarded the correction, expressing at the same time his sincere regrets that the mistake had occurred.

6. American Bible Society.

The following paper was presented by Dr. Hasselquist.

WHEREAS, the Word of God is our only infallible guide in all things spiritual, in all that pertains to God and immortality, and the best safeguard of civil and religious liberty, and the sure basis of individual and national prosperity; therefore

Resolved:

1. That we are in hearty sympathy with the American Bible Society in its great work of giving the Holy Scriptures to the people of this and other lands in their own tongue.

2. That we rejoice in the fact that this Society has been enabled to publish nearly 47 million volumes of the Word of life, in some 80 of the leading languages of the globe, during the 70 years of its existence.

3. That we are deeply interested in the *resupply* of our own country, that is now going forward so vigorously and successfully, in which the word of God is placed in *hundreds of thousands* of homes that were till recently unsupplied. We are glad to know that the foreign work of this Society is at the same time kept up to its former standard and above it.

4. That as a Ceneral Council we hereby pledge our cordial cooperation with the American Bible Society and its auxiliaries and agents in promoting the widespread and universal circulation of God's Word.

The resolutions were adopted.

7. Invitation to partake in Discussion.

Dr. Fritschel was invited to partake in the discussion of the Orders for Ministerial Acts, and all the brethren from Iowa were invited to speak in the discussion of the relation of their Synod to the General Council.

8. The Minutes of this Convention.

Resolved, that the minutes of this convention be printed in 2,000 English, and 2,000 German copies.

The Secretaries will give notice, in due time, that they will receive orders for extra copies at cost price.

Resolved, that the English Recording Secretary prepare a brief report of the proceedings of this Convention for the Swedish Church Papers.

Resolved, that the English Recording Secretary prepare a written copy of the Minutes for the archives. The printed Minutes of this Convention shall be arranged topically.

9. Next Convention of the General Council.

Resolved, that the next Convention of the General Council be held the second Thursday in September, 1887, in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rev. J. A. Kunkelman, D. D., Pastor, Greenville, Pa.

Resolved, that the President of the Council and Pastor loci be appointed a Committee on Devotional Services for next Convention.

10. Vote of Thanks.

The usual vote of thanks to the Pastor and Church, also the Sister Churches, to the ladies of the Church, to the Press and to the Railroads, was unanimously and heartily adopted.

11. Adjournment.

The General Council adjourned to convene again, as above resolved, in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Greenville, Pa., on Sept. 8th, 1887.

The Convention closed with the Litany and the singing of Hymn No. 274 in the Church Book.

Fourteen sessions were held during the Convention. The spirit of wisdom and love were ever present, and God's blessing can not fail to rest upon the work of the Convention.

C. A. Swensson,
English Recording Secretary
of the General Council.

INSTITUTIONS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

No.	I. Theological Seminaries.	Synodical Connection.	Founded.	Building.				Endowment.	Professors.	Other Instructors.	Students.	Preparing for ministry.	Vol. in Library.	PRESIDENT.
				No.	Material.	Cost.	Debt.							
						$	$	$						
1	Ev. Luth., Phil'a., Pa.	Minist. of Pa.	'64	2	brick	70,000	none	117,700	4	none	64	all	17,000	Prof. C. W. Schaeffer, D. D.
2	Augustana, Rock Island, Ill.	Scand. Aug. Syn.	'60	3	"	75,000	none	none	3	2	45	all	3,000	Prof. T. N. Hasselquist, D.D
3	Ev. Luth., Adrian, Mich.	Michigan Syn.	'85	---	No Report.	-------	-------	-------	1	-----	9	all	-------	Prof. A. Lange.
4	Wartburg, Mendota, Ill.	Germ. Iowa Syn.	'53	2	1 brick, 1 frame	4.000	none	11,150	2	none	44	all	1,950	Prof. S. Fritschel, D.D.
5	Augustana, Beloit, Ia.	Norw. August. Syn	'74	1	brick	12,000	none	15,000	1	none	10	all	700	Prof. D. Lysnes.
6	Kropp, Sleswig	None	---	---	No Report.	-------	-------	-------	5	-----	60	all	-------	Rev. J. Paulsen.
	II. Colleges, Academies etc.													
1	Muhlenberg Coll., Allentown, Pa.	Minist. of Pa.	'67	1	stone & brick	80,000	73,000	120,000	7	3	119	55	8,000	Prof. T. L. Seip, D.D.
2	Wagner Memorial Luth. C.	Zion's, Rochester, N. Y.	'83	1	brick	15.000	none	-------	6	1	25	18	120	Rev. Prof. A. Richter.
3	St. Luke's Academy	St. Luke's, Brooklyn, N. Y.	'70	1	brick	6,000	2,000	none	4	none	70	-----	none	Rev. Prof. J. H. Baden.
4	Thiel Coll., Greenville, Pa.	Pittsburg Syn.	'70	3	2 brick, 1 frame	36.000	3,500	60,000	7	none	100	35	6,500	Prof. H. W. Roth, D.D.
5	August. Coll., Rock Island, Ill.	Scand. Aug. Syn.	'70	3	1 st., 1 br., 1 fr.	50,000	none	none	9	4	170	123	9,500	Prof. T. N. Hasselquist, D.D.
6	Gust. Ad., St. Peter, Minn.	" " "	'76	5	1 st., 3 br., 1 fr.	35,000	7,000	300	11	none	166	30	2,300	Prof. M. Wahlstrom.
7	Bethany, Lindsborg, Kans.	" " "	'81	2	brick	60,000	-------	-------	6	-----	300	c. 50	3,500	Prof. E. Nelander.
8	Luther Ac'y., Wahoo, Neb.	" " "	'83	2	1 brick, 1 frame	11,500	none	none	4	none	65	c. 20	200	Prof. M. Noyd.
9	Wartburg C., Waverly, Ia.	Ger. Iowa Syn.	'85	1	brick	10,000	none	none	4	none	43	33	800	Prof. G. Grossmann.
10	" Teach. Sem'y, " "	" " "	---	1	brick	10,000	none	none	4	none	17	none	800	Prof. G. Grossmann.
11	Aug. Coll., Canton, Dak.	Norw. Aug. Syn.	'80	3	----------	15,000	3,000	18,000	4	none	85	20	350	Prof. M. D. Miller.
12	Marshall Ac'y, Minn.	" " "	---	---	No Report.	-------	-------	--- ---	---	-----	---	-----	-------	----------

III. Charitable Institutions.

No.		Location.	Superintendent.	Synodical Connection.	Value of Property.	Can accommodate.	Acc. last year.	Total since beginning.
	A. *Orphans' Homes.*							
1	German-Engl. Ev. Luth.	Germantown, Pa.	Chas. F. Kuhnle	Minist. of Pa.	$ 70,000	112	86	631
2	For Girls	Rochester, Pa.	Rev. W. A. Passavant, D.D.	Pittsburg Syn.	No report.	40	32	No report.
3	" Boys	Zelienople, Pa.	Rev. J. A. Kribbs	" "	"	100	23	"
4	Wartburg	Mt Vernon, N. Y.	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier	General	100,000	70	73	170
5	St. John's, for girls	Buffalo, N. Y.	Rev. H. A. Kuver	N. Y. Minist.	20,000	70	35	110
6	" " boys	Sulphur Springs, N. Y.	" "	" "	80,000	80	40	140
7	German-English	Andrew, Ia.	Rev. J. G. Rembold	Germ. Iowa Syn.	7,000	100	28	300
8	German	Toledo, Ohio	" Chas. Beckel	" " "	15,000	60	56	300
9	English	Jacksonville, Ill.	" W. A. Passavant, D.D.	General	40,000	40	No report.	No report.
10	Orph. H. & Farm School	Andover, Ill.	S. P. Lindell	Scand. Aug. Syn.	No report.	No report.	86	101
11	Swed. Ev. Luth.	Vasa, Minn.	Rev. E. Norelius	" " "	6,000	40	37	99
12	" " "	Stanton, Iowa	No report	" " "	No report.	No report.	No report.	No report.
13	" " "	Mariedahl, Kans.	" "	" " "	"	"	"	"
14	Emmaus, English	Middletown, Pa.	W. A. Kroll	General	18,000	"	38	"
15	Gust. Adolph	Jamestown, N. Y.	Rev. T. O. Linell	Scand. Aug. Syn.	15,000	70	14	14
	B. *Infirmary*	Germantown, Pa.	Chas. F. Kuhnle	Minist. of Pa.	40,000	50	33	50
	C. *Hospitals.*							
1	Ev. Luth.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Rev. W. A. Passavant, D.D.	General	No report.	No report.	No report.	No report.
2	Hos. & Deaconess Inst.	Milwaukee, Wisc.	" " "	"	150,000	100	550	5,000
3	Ev. Luth.	Jacksonville, Ill.	" " "	"	No report.	No report.	No report.	No report.
4	Emergency	Chicago, Ill.	" " "	"	ca 80,000	"	"	"
5	Ev. Luth.	St. Paul, Minn.	Rev. P. Monten	Scand. Aug. Syn.	No report.	27	"	"
6	Aug. H. & Deacon. Inst.	Chicago, Ill.	No report	" " "	"	25	12	"
7	Bethesda H.	Minneapolis, Minn.	Mr Helgren	" " "	"	No report.	No report.	"
8	Deaconess Inst. & H.	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. A. Spaeth, D.D.	Gen. Council	ca 200,000	"	"	"
	D. *Emigrant Mission.*							
1	Emigrant House	New York, N. Y.	Rev. W. Berkemeier	" "	100,000	400	11,700	125.120
2	" Mission	" "	" "	" "				
3	" "	" "	A. B. Lilja	" "				

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No.	SYNODS.	Founded.	Pastors.	Churches.	Members.	Church-Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Sunday-Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Secretaries. German.	Secretaries. English.	Time and place of next meeting.
1	Ministerium of Penn'a	1748	238	413	102,238	14	31	1,292	430	6,860	60,312	L. Lindenstruth	J. W. Early	June 2, 1887, place not fixed.
2	Ministerium of New York	1786	95	107	30,000	38	64	2,530	101	1,853	18,319	J. C. J. Petersen	G. H. Gomph	June 16, 1887, Zion's Church, Rochester, N. Y.
3	Pittsburg Synod	1845	94	185	17,598	----	----	--------	148	1,067	10,658	Ivan Dietrich	D. M. Kemerer	August 24, '87, Greensburgh, Pa.
4	Texas Synod	1851	38	52	7,277	12	c.15	350	10	c. 65	450	G. Stricker	None	April 28, 1887, place not fixed.
5	District Synod of Ohio	1857	31	58	8,233	----	----	--------	54	413	5,124	None	A. F. Siebert	June 8, 1887, Fultonham, Ohio.
6	Scandinav. August. Syn.	1860	227	483	64,676	197	255	9,578	423	1,951	17,408	S. P. A. Lindahl *)	Swedish Sec'y	June 17, '87, Immanuel's Church, Chicago, Ill.
7	Michigan Synod	1860	32	64	8,000	----	----	--------	------	--------	----------	C. F. Haussmann	None	August 25, '87, Saginaw City, Mich.
8	Canada Synod	1861	24	63	7,420	14	----	--------	52	318	3,068	E. M. Genzmer	None	June 1, 1887, Logan, Ont.
9	Indiana Synod	1871	19	32	2,419	----	----	--------	21	155	1,507	None	M. L Wagner	June 2, 1887, Mulberry, Ind.
	Sum Total	------	798	1,457	248,761	----	----	--------	------	--------	----------	----------	----------	----------
10	German Iowa Synod	1854	228	355	30,500	230	250	5,700	------	--------	----------	J. A. List	None	1888, place not fixed.
11	Norweg. August. Syn.	1860	29	95	6,000	25	32	535	55	50	1,275	J. C. Jenssen	Norweg. Sec'y	June 8, 1887, Augustana Church, Norman Co., Minn.
	Grand Total	------	1,055	1,907	285,261	530	647	19,985	1,294	12,732	118,121	----------	----------	----------

*) Swedish Sec'y.

Summary of Statistics.

I. Theological Seminaries.

Number, 6; buildings, 8 (from two no report); cost of buildings, $166,000 (from two no report); debt, none; endo wments, $143,850; professors, 16; other instructors, 2; students, 232; volumes in the libraries, 22,650 (from two no report).

II. Colleges, Academies, etc.

Number, 12; buildings, 24 (from one no report); cost of buildings, $333 500; debt, $103,500; endowments, $198,300; professors, 72; assistants, 8; students, 1,160; preparing for the ministry, 384; vols. in the libraries, 32,070.

III. Charitable Institutions.

A. Orphans' Homes.

Number, 15; value of property, $416,000 (from five no report); can accommodate 812 children (from four no report); accom. last year, 548 (from three no report); total since beginning, 1,865 orphans (from six no report).

B. Infirmary.

Number, 1, connected with the Orphans' Home at Germantown, Pa., and has under its care 33 aged and infirm.

C. Hospitals.

Number, 8; only three have reported their value of property, $430,000.

D. Immigrant Mission.

This is carried on in connection with the Immigrant House.

Summary of Contributions.

1.	Home Missions: for 115 pastors and 157 congregations	$ 29,262 59
2.	Educational Institutions (not including the sums collected for the new buildings at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia; Rock Island, Ill.; Memorial Hall, Greenville; and Lindsborg, Kansas)	57,966 30
3.	Immigrant Mission	2,228 90
4.	Foreign and Mormon Mission	16,344 29
5.	For congregational purposes	1,023,970 73
6.	Other purposes	60,257 30
	Total	$1,190,030 11

Public Services.

Thursday morning. Opening Sermon by the President, Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D.

Friday evening. General discussion on Foreign Missions.

Sunday morning. Sermon by Rev. B. M. Smucker, D. D.

Sunday afternoon. Dedication of the English Ev. Luth. Trinity Church; Dedicatory Sermon by Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D., L. L. D.

Sunday evening. Sermon by Rev. E. Belfour, D. D.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

JULY, 1885, TO JUNE, 1886.

During the year covered by this report, the lives of all our Missionaries have been preserved, and they have all been engaged in the Mission field. Rev. H. C. Schmidt, longest in the service, arrived at the Mission with his wife, Aug. 9th, 1885, after a visit to Denmark and America, and has charge of the congregation at Rajahmundry, as well as of the work in the surrounding district, named after the town. He has also divided with Mr. Dietrich the oversight of the work of the native Pastors. Rev. I. K. Poulsen, next longest in service, has continued in charge of the Samulcotta District during the year. Rev. F. S. Dietrich was in charge of the schools at Rajahmundry until relieved by Rev. W. Grœnning. He has also labored at Dowlaiswaram throughout the year, and since the beginning of 1886 has taken full and special charge of that place and neighborhood, dividing the oversight also of the Velpur and Jagurupad Districts with Mr. Schmidt. Rev. F. J. MacCready has aided Mr. Dietrich until the arrival of Mr. Grœnning, since which time his care has been devoted to his own field at Tallapudi. Rev. Wm. Grœnning spent a month after his arrival at Madras, November 3d, 1885, in visiting the Mission stations in Southern India and in studying their system of schools. He reached Rajahmundry Dec. 6th, 1885, and has had charge of the Mission Schools there from the beginning of 1886. The native Pastors Joseph and Paulus have continued to labor in their former stations.

Annual Reports.

Rajahmundry Town and District.—Rev. H. C. Schmidt.

Report August 9th to December 31st, 1885.

Since my arrival on August 9th, my time has been occupied in Rajahmundry, and I have not yet been able to get out into my own or the Velpur District, which has been assigned to my supervision. As

Rev. N. Paulus is the pastor of that district, and gives his own report, I proceed at once to report on my special work.

As the old mission-house is unfit to be occupied by Rev. and Mrs. Grœnning, I had to make arrangements for their temporary abode in our still unfinished house. I had procured the necessary timber for finishing the roof before I left for home, and thought it would be well seasoned at my return, but found it now gone and used for other purposes. I had also to make room for the printing press, which arrived safely and for which types came by the end of December. Although the room is not sufficient, printing work can now be commenced and proper room may be procured, whilst Christian apprentices learn the work. Much of my time was occupied in this way.

The Congregation at Rajahmundry.—Regular Telugu services have been held at Rajahmundry every Sunday morning and evening, and Telugu Sunday-school in the afternoon. The English services and Sunday-school were stopped some time ago, and as we cannot expect any attendance from the English residents, there is no occasion for recommencing them.

Six children have been baptized by me since my return, and one girl was confirmed on Christmas day, and two small children died. The number of communicants is 94, and the Lord's Supper was administered on October 18th to 83, and on December 25th to about 100 persons, some of them coming from out-stations.

The Judge, L. Lister, Esq., provided the means for the usual Christmas dinner, of which 320 persons partook in the caste girls' school.

For the Christmas tree the church was crowded, and 144 children received presents. In the caste girls' school the Christmas tree made 22 children happy, and in the Mohammedan girls' school 22; but only the Missionary ladies were allowed to be present at the latter place.

P. Ratnam and I. William have generally preached by turns on Sunday evening. The Church Council or Pancayet have been inactive and held no meetings, but it is hoped this organization will start into new life with the new year.

North-Eastern District.—There are a few inquirers in this district, but having only one helper, an uneducated evangelist on 3 Rs. monthly pay, and not having been able to work there personally, no regular work has been done. Some persecution of the inquirers made it necessary for me to send help, and Rev. F. J. MacCready kindly allowed one of his teachers, B. John, to visit the place.

Without an able assistant my hands are tied ; but it is to be hoped that our Conference will be able to provide helpers for my field also.

Report January 1st to June 30th, 1886.

In January and February I made two Mission tours in the Velpur District.

North-Eastern District.—The number of baptized Christians in connection with our Mission is twelve, of whom I baptized five persons in Bolledupadu on a tour in that district in March. The other seven are an evangelist, a teacher, and their families.

Rajahmundry.—Regular services have been held here every Sunday, except on Trinity Sunday, when it was impossible to get out of doors for the morning service on account of the rain. Not less than seven inches fell on that day. P. V. Ratnam, headmaster of the caste girls' school, generally preached on Sunday evening.

In January the Church Council, or Pancayet, was elected by and from among the would-be paying or contributing members of the Rajahmundry congregation. The Missionaries are *ex-officio* members and the Pastor chairman.

The number of baptized Christians in the town of Rajahmundry is 194, of whom 98 are communicants. The Lord's Supper was celebrated on Easter Sunday by 79, and on June 27 by 30 persons.

I confirmed six boys on Easter Sunday, married six couples and buried a teacher from Tallapudi, and an old woman from Dowlaishwaram, who had died here. I administered the Holy Communion to one sick, Father Heyer's old servant, who died soon afterwards and was buried by V. Ratnam in my absence. I baptized in Rajahmundry four children.

Velpur District.—Rev. N. Paulus, Native Pastor; Rev. H. C. Schmidt, Superintendent.

A small account of what Mission work, by the grace of the Lord Jesus, there has been done during the year 1885 in the Velpur District.

By the favor of the unlimited, gracious Triune God, I, my family, the little flock, the teachers and helpers, are all well. Whenever I had opportunity I have frequently visited the Christian villages, and the nearest villages in which there are no Christians. In comparison with last year, by that means, a great many have been released from the army of Satan and entered the army of our Lord Jesus, and rejoice. In many villages a religious arousing has taken place. Many have joined in the Holy Communion. Many marriages have taken place. A few have died. In many villages there are signs of many who are ready to

join the Church of God. Not much hatred against religion appears. Many workers are needed. On account of small-pox and cholera prevailing last year, neither I nor my helpers have been able to travel much. As the devil's army, called "Ramadandu," has been destroyed, I hope that much more work will be done in the coming year. On account of the disturbance that host made, many who joined it have sustained great pecuniary loss and been disgraced. The Lord's workers have been doing their duty as much as they were able.

On Tuesday evening, December 24th, Christmas was kept. At 7 o'clock, in the church, was a very beautiful Christmas tree decorated with candles and small presents for the Christians. On that occasion five hymns were sung and a short address delivered. Afterwards eatables were given to the children and the Christians. On Christmas day service was held in the morning. Communion was also held and twenty-nine partook. Five were baptized. About one hundred attended the service. About sixty persons were entertained with a meal. We all rejoiced much on that festival day. May the great God, to whom be honor forever, who has preserved us, and who in future will preserve us, give us many such blessings!

January 1st to June 30th, 1886.

I have visited several new villages, as well as the old ones. Rev. Schmidt and I traveled together in this district in the months of January and February, 1886. We found everywhere the people to be willing to hear the good message and partly inclined to embrace the true religion; but still the lower classes are afraid of their masters, thinking that they would treat them harshly in case they should become Christians. But if the lower classes, I think, were steady and bold, the higher classes also will yield in course of time. The higher classes are not generally stiff, but are mild. I think if we have more faithful, hard working laborers in this field, the work will increase rapidly, but for the present we are in want of laborers. I hope and believe that the Master of the harvest will soon provide us with efficient laborers. I would have traveled still more and visited several villages, but owing to some other work (repairs of houses, etc.) and to rain, I was unable to accomplish my desire. I have every hope in the Lord, that He will soon accomplish His plan in gathering the heathen into His flock. Wishing you all to pray for us and for the success of the work here, I am your most obedient and humble servant.

Statistics.—Baptized Christians, adult and children, 1044; Baptisms, January to June, 1885, 129; July to December, 1885, 82; for the year 1885, 211; January to June, 1886, 65. Communicants, June,

1886, 350. Christian villages, 40; Enquiring villages, 12 ; Schools, 21; Teachers, 20; Pupils, 325. Evangelists, 3 ; Marriages, 19; Deaths 17—for year July, 1885, to June, 1886.

Dowlaishwaram District.—Rev. F. S. Dietrich.

RAJAHMUNDRY, July 6th, 1886.

Nothing very particular has occured in my district during the last six months. The work went on as usual. We had only one death in our Dowlaishwaram congregation, and only two baptisms. The services of the congregation have been improving slowly. The schools are likewise improving. We have lost a few of our heathen scholars by death—one by cholera. Their places are filled by new ones. I have now also opened a separate school for the girls. Up to this time the attendance has been good—about twenty little girls, some Shudras, are daily repeating their alphabet. This new school is under a female teacher, Armana. This is always of great advantage in this country, especially to get caste girls to attend. I have also improved the grounds by building about twenty yards of wall, taking down an old dilapidated house and putting it up in another place for the female teacher and her mother. I am trying to obtain a piece of land adjoining the piece we have now. The expense is very little, and will make a fine site for a future school or church building.

During the past six months I traveled fifty-two days in the district, a full tour over my entire field. I might have made more days, but the boat is under repair, and my tent, which I have ordered, has not yet come. I found the people, during my tour, in general glad to hear the gospel, except the caste people, who are always opposing it. As usual there are many villages where they want teachers ; but we cannot respond because of the lack of teachers. In some places they are even willing to procure the land and put up the building necessary for a school. Tours in the field are always attended with trials, and especially was this the case during this season, because the canals were closed so that it made traveling very difficult and drinking water scarce. I am very thankful, however, that none of our party suffered much.

I have already reported in regard to the land at Dowlaishwaram. In order to ease the Committee and to take a burden off from their shoulders, I drew up a few subscription lists and sent them home to special friends. The piece of land at first to be procurable from government has now been turned to the workshop and cannot be acquired. I can procure, I think, a piece of about three acres for 300 Rupees. This includes a portion of the land formerly available from government. Should the collection among the friends at home be successful, there will be no trouble to procure the money to put up the house.

The Jagurupad report has been handed in by the native Pastor himself, Rev. Joseph. His work is going on well, although he had a little trouble with some of his teachers on account of their negligence. We have opened one new school in his district in a village called Ramachudropuram. We have commenced his new dwelling house in Jagurupodu. A few members of his congregation have gone over to the Cocanada Baptists. They were about to be dismissed for adultery, and so quickly went away, and I hear now one of them is studying to be a teacher in their mission.

My school reports go with this on another page. You will notice that the school at Dowlaishwaram numbers now fewer boys than in December. This is owing to the death of some and the going out of others to work for their parents. The Gutta school is about the same in strength, and does not quite make the progress we would like to see; but then we must also consider the circumstances.

I have baptized during the six months, six individuals—three natives and three East Indians. I had no confirmation, no weddings, and but one funeral.

The congregation at Dowlaishwaram numbers now 22 communicant members and only six children. Some of these have moved into Dowlaishwaram from other places. Beside these there are Christians attending services from other missions, and their children the schools.

The work is going on nicely, and there is harmony among the Christians. I hope and pray that Satan may not bring disturbances into our midst. Our earnest prayer is that the Word preached may be fruitful. If I could live in the place, the work would undoubtedly progress much more rapidly. May the good Lord bless our work abundantly!

Statistics.—Baptized Christians, 28; Communicants, 22; Schools, 3: Boys' School, Pupils, 26; Girls' School, 20; School at Hamaghiri, 26.

Jagurupad District.—Rev. T. Joseph, Native Pastor; Rev. F. S. Dietrich, Superintendent.

Rev. T. Joseph's report for 1885.

Although the salvation of sinners wrought by the Son of God may, through the weakness of men and other reasons, seem to be defective, it can never be the case. By the mighty hand of God, who does every thing well, through His Son, His blessing is over sinners every day. His kingdom will at last be victorious, and the kingdom of Satan be destroyed. When I see the number of the children of God now and in 1880, when I was in Rajahmundry, there appears a great increase.

No.	Names of Villages.	Names of Teachers.	No. of Christians.	No. Communicants.	No. Communed.	Christian Children.	No. Schools.	No. School Child'n.	Christian		Heathen.		No. Baptisms.	No. Confirmations.	No. Deaths.	No. Sunday Sch'lars	Sunday-School Collections.		
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1	Jagurupadu	T. Hanna P. Margaret	123	75	60	48	1	24	12	10	2	.....	2	3	3	48	3	9	7
2	Night School, Ja	V. Rutmun	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	64	1	.....	23	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
3	Muramunda	J. Martha	55	34	31	21	1	10	2	4	1	3	6	...	...	...	1	4	6
4	Adithy	M. Lazarus	5	3	3	2	1	2	.....	2	.....	.....	1	...	1	...	.....	6	.....
5	Adi. Savarum	" "	3	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
6	Zalakatodu	" "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
7	Navarapet	R. Zohanu	8	3	3	5	1	16	5	2	7	2	1	...	2	...	.....	10	6
8	Polavarum	N. Thomas	9	8	7	1	1	8	1	.....	7	.....	1	...	1	...	.....	9	.....
9	Venderaswarum	" "	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	2	6
10	Ralli	" "	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
11	Lollah	Zasu Dasu	30	29	17	1	1	5	.....	1	4	.....	1	...	...	...	.....	12	.....
12	Athrapurum	" "	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
13	Paravarum	E. Daniel	15	11	9	4	1	10	.....	.....	7	3	1	1	...	...	.....	6	6
14	Haniageri	Y. Samuel	13	6	6	7	1	10	2	.....	8	.....	1	...	...	...	.....	7	6
15	Rajolu	" "	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
16	Casavarum	P. Benjamin	3	3	1	.....	1	8	.....	.....	8	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	10	3
17	P. Ramachondrapura	M. William	5	1	1	4	1	10	1	1	4	4	...	...	...	...	.....	6	3
18	Beckole	" "	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
			276	182	140	94	11	127	24	20	69	12	14	4	7	48	9	4	7

My work, from several reasons, is not done as it ought to be. The workers and houses are much too few. If proper workers could be had the work might increase very much. The gospel has been preached in many villages. Many kinds of assistance for the people are needed. Above all is medicine wanted. If medicine could be given it would, in my opinion, support the preaching of the gospel. Many Sudras have also spoken to me about this. If it is the will of God I believe that such help to the people outside may soon take place. In Jagurupad and Paravaram two families have, on account of their relatives, joined the Canadian Baptists in Cocanada. Besides these a few children and adults have, from different villages, been taken into the boarding establishment at Rajahmundry.

Samulcotta District. Rev. J. K. Poulsen.

Report July 1st to December 31st, 1885.

Since I wrote my last report to the Home Committee, in September last year, I have nothing of importance to report. We have been laboring as best we could. One teacher, R. David, was stationed in a village in a feverish place near the hills, but was obliged to leave his place owing to a severe attack of fever.

The Malas in my district are very poor, and not, as in many other parts where our Mission has worked for a long time, independent farmers, but they work as day laborers in the service of the caste people. For that reason we have had but very few scholars during this half-year, as the children, even at a young age, are employed in attending cattle, and other work. The last half of the year, it must be remembered, is the one in which most field labor is to be done.

During the months of September, October and November, we had a law suit going on in the Magistrate's court. Three of my teachers had congregated in a village on their own business. A quarrel arose between them and the villagers (caste people). Two of the teachers were very severely beaten. Not knowing from the beginning the real origin of the quarrel, I took a great deal of trouble to get the malefactors punished, and five of them were sentenced to pay a small fine.

Three teachers have resigned during the year, one died and another got two months' leave to visit his father-in-law at Nellore, and it is very doubtful if he ever returns; so it leaves a great many vacancies.

During the half year I have had 14 baptisms, 3 deaths. Communicants, August 30th, 37; November 8th, 35. Estimate of expenses for the first half year in 1886, Rs. 600.

Report January 1st to June 30th, 1886.

I have continually visited the villages in which there are Christians, and a great many others. Have preached at three Hindoo Festivals. The caste question is still the great obstacle to get over to Christianity; because we also receive chucklers (Madigas). The Christians at Juggampet are, with one exception, Malas, but we preach to all the other castes, too, wherever we meet them. As a rule my teachers have not education and courage enough do it. The cultivators and other Sudra castes listen, as a rule, very attentively. We have but very little opposition in our ordinary village preaching; more at some of the heathen festivals. I preach to *all* because it is my Lord's order to do so, not because I believe that at the present time any of the higher castes will come out and join the Church. How God will deal with those who hear the gospel, and in some way become influenced by it, although they do not openly confess the faith and join by baptism, is unknown to us. On my former tour this month a caste-man said that, since I first came to his village, about three years ago, he did not believe in idol worship, and prayed to Jesus Christ only.

The longer I live among these people the more corrupt I find them, especially the low castes. Here at Samulcotta are a great many Malas, but how few, for instance, live with their real wives! Free love is, in practice, an established doctrine, yet in theory that idea may be further advanced among some in America and Europe, for here they must pay a fine or fee of Rs. 2 or be excommunicated. After they have had a good drink for the Rs. 2, it is all right. In the hot season, when we come into a Mala village in the evening, they are all drunk. When I tell the teachers that I will come in some evening, they often have told me that at that time it is of no use; then they are all drunk. Samulcotta is known for its number of prostitutes (dancing girls,) and burglars. The mind is carnal, and the wishes of the heathen apparently do not go farther than to get enough to eat. It is a very common thing after we have told a crowd how they, through the Son of God, can get remission from their sins, find peace with God, and after death eternal happiness, that they explain to each other in this way: "They say that if we will believe in Jesus Christ we shall get food (rice)." To have rice enough without exertion seems to be their idea of heavenly bliss. It often reminds me of what I was told in my school days, that when the Chinese would designate on paper eternal bliss they would draw a man with a piece of wood in each hand, who was supposed to be eating rice with these as fast as possible from a large heap in front of him.

Although I find that I have painted you a small piece of heathenism, I must add that I have not lost faith in the strength of the gospel or the final victorious end of the Christian Church. As a whole these people are quite untouched by Christianity, but a change may, in God's own time, take place soon ; anyhow, such a change we are preparing. Our Scandinavian forefathers' idea of happiness after death was, that they, in company with the brave warriors who lost their lives in war, should eat pork and drink mead out of large drinking horns; but Christianity has made a change there, and so it can here. When I see so many pretty children here I often muse what their final end will be ; their innocent, bright faces seem to indicate, to such belongs the kingdom of God.

I am writing this in camp at a village seven miles from Samulcotta. I have constantly visited here ; now I have been allowed to gather in the first fruit. Last Sunday a young man from here was baptized at Samulcotta. He also came on the former Sunday, but I would try him by telling him to come another time. Last night I baptized three family men in the street after they came from their labor late in the evening. In the morning they go out in the field and do not return till late in the evening. A day's hire is, on an average, only two annas. This they receive in advance in the morning, for it is all that they have to get food for that day. Sunday makes no difference here.

Laksmiah, my catechist, and his wife Amelia, have most of the time been living at Ragampet where a teacher was much wanted.

After many fruitless attempts I have succeeded in getting a burial place, one better than I ever expected, for it is part of the old English Cemetery, which is enclosed by a fine large brick wall. I have formerly been obliged to have three persons buried in my own compound.

We have seven boarders. During the six months only two have left us, so there seems to be more steadiness. One who also had spent a year at our school at Rajahmundry fell sick, asked to go to his village, where he lingered for a long time and died. I just had the boarders' dwelling house nicely thatched with grass, when at the beginning of this month, while I was out in camp, it burned down one night, evidently set on fire by somebody. Several of their books burned ; the sleeping boys just managed to get out before the roof fell down.

Only three of the teachers out in villages are able to get any scholars. Whether the fault lies with the teachers or with the villagers I can not say, for truth is hard to get at in this country. At Juggampet and Rajahghopalem houses for teachers and scholars are being built.

Baptisms, 15; deaths, 4. Communion, March 7th, 36; Communion, April 23d, 25.

Statistics.—No table of statistics accompanies Mr. Poulsen's report. The table for last year, which came too late to be inserted in the annual report, and which bears date, July, 1885, is as follows:

Names of Villages.	Baptized.	Present Number of Christians.	Died.	Scholars.	Name of Teacher.
Mission Compound	1	13	.....	5	N. Isaac.
Peddapur	.....	11	.....	8	Amelia.
Kota Malapallet	.....	20	.....	10	J. Venkataswami.
Rajahghopalem	.....	27	.....	6	K. Prakasem.
Mala Timapuram	1	3	.....	.....	
Ragampet	1	18	.....	9	Ch. Prakasem.
Gorinta	.....	11	1	7	K. Phillip.
Chedalada	.....	4	.....	.....	
Divili	1	.....	1	.....	K. Moses.
Katlamoor	5	16	.....	6	Daniel.
Juggampet	.....	6	.....	5	T. Samuel.
Dharmavaram	.....	3	.....	.....	
Vamingi	.....	12	.....	.....	R. David.
Yeluru	1	2	.....	.....	
Marlava	1	1	.....	11	B. Gnananandam.
Pittapoor	.....	.....	.....	7	B. John.
Pratidad	.....	.....	.....	10	D. Peter.
Total	11	147	2	84	

Tallapudi District.—Rev. F. J. MacCready.

Report, June, 1886. Preaching Stations.

1. *Gopaulpuram Teacher.* August 7th, Singanapilli; Aug. 14th, Koonkalla; Aug. 21st, Mavadugondy; Aug. 28th, Paidvalla.

2. *Guddigudiem Teacher.* August 7th, Goollapoodee; Aug. 14th, Kaumiakoonta; Aug. 21st, Nungumpolem; Aug. 28th, Pundarygudiem.

3. *Nundamin Teacher.* August 7th, Niddadhavole; Aug. 14th, Pungadi; Aug. 21st, Letchmipuram; Aug. 28th, Daychevla.

4. *Peddehem Teacher.* August 7th, Jugganathpuram; Aug. 14th, Vadalagoonta; Aug. 21st, Bullipad; Aug. 28th, Yellamunchuvargudiem.

5. *Polawaram Teacher.* August 7th, Chupriagudiem; Aug. 14th, Verrampetta; Aug. 21st, Ankallgudivu; Aug. 28th, Yeddalagoonta.

6. *Tallapudi Teacher.* August 7th, Guzzarum ; Aug. 14th, Ragoolopilli ; Aug. 21st, Pydeemetta ; Aug. 28th, Arkaravula.

The whole of Saturday is spent by each teacher in preaching in the above villages and others in their vicinity. They lie at distances of five miles and more from the headquarter stations, except the villages for the Tallapudi teacher.

PLAN FOR THE PRESENT HALF YEAR.

The accompanying time tables, four in number, indicate the studies to be pursued during the week. My village schools are divided into four classes, the highest being the second class, and the lowest the infant or first class, C Division. I found it necessary to make some such arrangements, for without it everything was performed without any order or regularity. Little or no progress was made in the studies by the pupils. Each teacher at the beginning of the half year was supplied with time tables, and all were instructed how to use them. The time tables are pasted on boards and hung up in the school-room. My experience of the past month (July) encourages me to hope that success will attend me in my endeavors to introduce order into the village schools of my district. The teachers shirk work a great deal. Every time one visits the schools of any one of them it is most distressing to find that the same portions go on all the time, that no improvement is made, that the teacher never sets his lessons to his pupils, that he never sits down to his regular instructions during any part of the day, but goes to work as it suits him. To remedy all these evils the time allotted for each study is indicated in the time table, and the studies for the day are clearly laid down. Besides this, papers are given the teachers stating the portions they are expected to teach during a month, and also the daily portions are set on the same papers. These papers are given every month. Copies of these papers are enclosed. Each teacher is provided with a small paper book, which he uses as a record of all his doings during the month A sheet or page is devoted to a day. This is a very useful arrangement. Here we have a record, and at any time information regarding any congregation can be obtained by going to them. They also make the teacher careful in the discharge of his duties. And also they set the writer a-thinking. He has to find matter to fill his daily page.

Besides the above, the teacher, according to an old practice in the Mission, prepares a monthly school report, a letter to the Missionary in charge, and produces in writing one of the sermons he preaches.

The first Monday in the month is appointed on which I meet my teachers, receive their reports, talk over school affairs and the work of

the Gospel among the heathen, make all arrangements for the work of the month, and get all to visit the bazar, (Monday is market day), when an opportunity for preaching is offered them. Every teacher has his own way of singing his hymn, each one instructs his pupils according to the way in which he sings the tune. If the men are singing, it can easily be detected that all do not sing alike. To prevent this and to have a uniform tune, I get them to practice the hymns; they have to teach the pupils on the Monday in question.

That all the villages may share the sweet sound of the Gospel message, I appoint the villages to the teachers in which they have to preach on the several Saturdays of the month. I enclose a copy of the papers I give the men indicating the villages in which they are to preach.

A schedule of all the duties of the teachers, besides teaching on week-days and preaching on Saturdays, as prayer-meetings, Sunday-school, week-day preaching, visiting Christians, etc., is prepared and given each teacher. The reason why all this is done, is simply because the men are not trained teachers and have no idea of making any kind of a plan for themselves.

The Missionary Council have urged the introduction of school fees wherever possible. In my schools the attempt will be made during this month; the result will be noted hereafter.

Committing the whole cause into the hands of the Master, and praying for his assistance and guidance, I bring my remarks to a close.

Report, June 30th, 1886.

Number.	Name of Village.	Christians.				Baptisms					Confirmed.	By Transfer.	Inquirers.	Communicants, Januar'y	Communicants, April.	Removed to other Places and Districts.	Sunday Collections.			Subscript'n to the Rajamundry Inn.		
		Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Infants.	Total.							Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
1	Dhomoor	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	.....	..	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...
2	Gowripatam	1	1	1	3	..	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...
3	Gowripilli	3	3	2	8	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	5	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...
4	Guddigudiem	10	6	20	36	1	2	1	2	6	...	...	2	9	11	3	.....	2	3	.....	4	...
5	Korumamdu	1	1	2	4	...	...	...	...	.....	...	4	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...
6	Kurragapad	4	2	2	8	4	2	2	...	8	...	...	1	...	5	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...
7	Metta	3	3	1	7	...	...	..	1	1	...	...	...	...	5	3	.....	1	3	.....	4	...
8	Mungopeddehempetta	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	.....	...	..	4	...	2	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	4	...
9	Nundamur	3	3	7	13	...	1	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	4	3	.....	3	...	.....	.....	...
10	Nundigudiem	5	9	6	20	5	9	5	1	20	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...
11	Peddehem	7	7	15	29	...	...	...	1	1	...	3	2	...	14	6	.....	11	1	.....	4	...
12	Penkellametta	7	1	5	7	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	3	1	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...
13	Polawarum	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	1	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	4	...
14	Sooramopetta	...	1	...	1	..	...	...	...	.....	...	1	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...
15	Tallapudi	18	12	14	44	2	...	...	2	4	7	4	2	10	28	11	2	11	2	2	15	8
16	Thutigunta	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	4	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...
	Total	58	52	76	186	12	15	8	7	42	7	15	12	19	78	31	4	1	9	4	3	8

Village Schools.	Teachers.	Pupils' Rolls Dec., 1885.					Pupils' Rolls June, 1886.					Av. attend. half yr.	No. Holidays.	Number of School Days.
		Ch. Boys.	Ch. Girls.	Hea. Boys.	Hea. Girls.	Total.	Ch. Boys.	Ch. Girls.	Hea. Boys.	Hea. Girls.	Total.			
Chargalloo	P. Reuben	...	...	...	...	...		...	8	2	10	6	28	63
Guddigudiem	J. Cornelius	3	2	1	...	6	4	3	1	...	8	5	56	125
Mungapeddehempetta	K. Daniel	...	...	5	...	5	...	...	5	...	5	4	45	106
Nundamur	P. Peter	2	2	...	...	4	2	1	...	...	3	3	74	107
Peddehem (Day)	Ch. Anandum	2	4	...	...	6	5	4	3	...	12	5	80	73
Peddehem (Night)	" "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	12	7	80	73
Tallapudi (Day)	R. Samuel	4	3	1	...	8	3	2	...	...	5	4	53	97
Tallapudi (Night)	V. Sreevamula	...	...	...	...	...	6	2	. .	...	8	3	53	97

MISSION SCHOOLS.

In calling Rev. Wm. Groenning to take charge of the Mission Schools at Rajahmundry, the Committee believed that they had selected a man of such thorough training and such special familiarity with the educational work of Foreign Missions as would make him a reliable Director of our Mission School work. He was instructed on his arrival in India, to make a thorough investigation into our whole educational system as he found it, and after due deliberation to prepare a well digested plan for the organization and management of the several departments of our Mission Schools at Rajahmundry. Before going to our Missions, he visited the Hermannsburg Mission High School at Trigaty, the schools of the Leipzig Mission at Majaveram, Tranquebar, Poreiar, Tanjore, and those of the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel," at Trichinopoly and Combaconum. In due time he prepared a Report on the Schools of our Missions as he found them, and a Plan for the Organization and Administration of the Mission Schools. This plan was submitted for examination to all Missionaries, and their views transmitted to the Committee. This plan, in its general outline and main features, received the hearty approval of the Committee, and has gone into effect as the basis of organization for our schools, to be gradually accomplished as time and opportunities allow. This plan does not at present include the Hindu High School, or the Mohammedan School, but embraces the immediate Mission Schools for the training of the young of our people, and especially of preparing Mission helpers and agents.

Mr. Groenning took charge of the schools in January last, and from his report for the half year, January to June, 1886, we gather the information here presented.

"On the 15th of January, 1886, I took charge of the Mission Schools. The examination and admission of scholars occupied the 18th and 19th. 64 boys and 38 girls applied for reception, and 8 boys applied afterwards. Of these 44 boys and 18 girls were boarders, the rest were day scholars. But these numbers were soon changed: ten day scholars absenting themselves, some were of Romanist parentage, who were removed by their parents under the influence of their Pastor; the parents of others removed from the place. Of the girl boarders eight were dismissed because their age exceeded the limit for school girls, and because only the most promising and useful girls should be maintained at the cost of the Mission. The number of scholars was thus diminished to 62 boys and 21 girls. Afterwards some day scholars were admitted, as they can be entered at any time, while boarders are to be admitted only once each year, January 15th, and are required to complete the full course. May 1st the number of scholars was 112, two more than at the opening. The scholars were arranged, first of all, in two schools, a boys' and a girls' school. The boys' school, although it had only two teachers, had consisted of four classes, or indeed of six, including the Normal School. It was now decided to provide for three classes, each under its teacher, with the intention of adding a class each year for three years, at the end of which the full number of six classes would be formed. At the end of January the two female teachers withdrew, the one because she had just been married; the other, the wife of a teacher of the Church Miss. Soc., removed to Dumagudium. The girls were then placed under the care of the three teachers of the boys' school, for their branches of instruction were alike and it was not necessary to maintain separate schools. The three classes numbered May 1st, respectively, the upper 20, the middle 39, and the lower, including alphabetical scholars, 53 scholars.

It may be seen from this account that the so-called Normal School ceased, for the present, to be maintained, but it is only for the present. The object of this school was to train teachers for the villages, but its two years' course was insufficient, as the candidates who offered for this purpose had not only very meagre preparation, but their attainments were inferior to those of the boarding boys trained at the Mission School. Under these circumstances it was natural to conclude that those who were to be trained as teachers should pass through the lower classes, and then after a general preparation should for the last

two years devote their time to studies more exclusively theological, which is increasingly necessary if they are to hold rank with the carefully trained teachers of the Church, Leipzig and Baptist Societies. The instructions in the last two years of the full course would be chiefly in such studies as Biblical instruction and explanation, Church history, Christian doctrine, based on the Augustana ethics. Unfortunately the Telugu text books for these studies are wanting. Please God, in his good time, we may be able, like the Leipzig and Hermannsburg Missions, to aid in translating good text books into Telugu. Our printing press may aid in this work, and make its attainment possible at small cost. I thought at first that the alphabetical class might need little care, and that its work might be left to the parents, but soon learned that this was not wise, and in June a special teacher for them was added, so that from the beginning the instruction may be under the care of the Mission.

The arrangement for "Family Boarders" has been given up. However desirable it might seem that married men and women of age and experience should be secured as teachers, it proved that with their families dependent on them, or on us, for support, with their lack of attainments, and their slowness in acquiring the needed learning, the hope of securing competent laborers from this class was small, and the expense great. If the fifty or sixty boarding scholars now in our Mission Schools should, by God's help, become well trained, useful teachers, much will be gained.

Three teachers have been engaged in the school, John Henry, 22 years old, who since February receives 15 Rs. a month. The second teacher, David, Senior, 50 years old, has given some trouble, and was dismissed in June; he received 12 Rs. The third teacher, Alfred, 40 years of age, receives 8 Rs., and his class increased from 25 to 53, so that the alphabetical class has been separated and placed under the care of his wife, who receives 3 Rs. a month.

It is greatly to be regretted that the teachers have not received special training, and it is to be hoped that the boarding boys trained in our schools, at the cost of the Mission, may be to a great extent useful as teachers. With the best will our present teachers are not competent to do satisfactory work. I hope to take part in direct instruction within the half year, but it seems to be more important and profitable to confine my instruction to the teachers, and to prepare them for and direct them in their work. Especially in the higher classes it is necessary to secure more than mere memorizing of the Catechism and of the brief and imperfect Bible History published by the English Ver-

nacular Education Society at Madras. We have no hand-books or aids to the study of the Catechism and Bible History, as at home, and the work of the teacher is more difficult. In this matter, too, we hope that our printing press may do good.

With each of the classes four hours weekly are devoted to Bible History, and from four to five to the Catechism. Next term ten hours will be given to these religious studies. A Mission school in a heathen land has a specific religious character even more than a Christian school at home.

I take this opportunity to call to remembrance that the Mission School has no school building. It is temporarily lodged in two rooms adjoining the Church, the roof of one of which is so leaky that the room cannot be used. The second and third classes are crowded into one room, and the large primary class has been forced to occupy the girls' boarding house, and its occupants have been driven to the upper story. The alphabetical class has to meet in the open air, which in the rainy season is attended with difficulties. I may surely be allowed to present the request that a suitable school house may be provided for the Mission school, in which we can have external comfort and can devote our cares to the instruction.

The present boarding house is too small for the number of scholars, since two of its three rooms are occupied by Barnabas, (who has now, however, been instructed to remove), and it is very important that a separate sick-room should be provided. Hearty thanks are returned to the friends who provided funds for the support of scholars, and the continuance of this aid is heartily desired, especially for boys, as it has been found desirable not to maintain as large a number of boarding girls in proportion as has heretofore been done.

Mrs. Groenning and Mrs. Schmidt have taught the girls in the Mission schools, including that for caste girls, to sew. The girls are taught to make their own clothes, as well as those of the boarding boys, and what they cannot do is done by the wives of the Missionaries.

Since March daily baths in the Godavery have been required, and the general health has improved. The medical studies made by Missionary Groenning have proved very useful, not only in the school, but among Christian families. Mr. Groenning occasionally went out to preach to the heathen in the streets of the city, accompanied by Ratnam as interpreter. The Hindus seemed accessible, the Mohammedans vigorously contentious. He has also been occupied with the study of Telugu.

In making out the list of scholars supported by various schools and persons, a boy has been assigned to each applicant. In the girls' school so great changes have been made that no scholar could, for the time, be assigned to the Infant-school of St. Mark's, Philadelphia, and to the Sunday-school of the First Evang. Luth. Church of Pittsburgh, which offered support.

It would probably be better if the aid extended to scholars were placed in the form of a scholarship, bearing the name of the donors, to which an incumbent could be assigned and changed when necessary, with the distinct agreement that if from any cause there should at any time be a vacancy in its occupancy, the moneys paid should be used to meet the general expenses of the school.

HINDU HIGH SCHOOL.

A very full statement of the whole question with reference to this School was made in the last annual report. The School has been continued during the past year, occupying one of our Mission houses, but at no other expense to the treasury of the Mission. Its own school fees and government grants have met most of the cost of maintenance, and the rest have been borne by Mr. Dietrich personally. The question remains still to be finally decided whether it shall be maintained after January next. An expenditure of at least $500 will be needed to put the building in passable condition for school purposes. An allowance of $500 a year toward its support will be needed, and even then its provisions will be very inadequate. It is a fact that if this School is to be put on a proper foundation, new buildings on other grounds should be provided at an estimated cost of about $5000, and an enlarged annual allowance. The time of Mr. Groenning will be fully occupied with the distinctive Missionary Schools, while Mr. Dietrich's removal to Dowlaishwaram must soon take place. Some other provision would have to be made for the efficient oversight and Christian instruction in the School, if it is to have any satisfactory Christian element mingled with the secular instruction under heathen teachers. It was therefore

Resolved, That it is the judgment of the Committee for Foreign Missions of the Gen. Council, that all connection of the Mission with the Hindu High School and its occupation of our building shall cease at the close of the current year; but that an opportunity be given to our Missionaries once more to express their opinion on the subject before our final order is given.

We were led to this action, not because all of us were convinced that it was not a desirable thing to have a well conditioned and well pro-

vided High School, with at least a strong Christian element in its faculty, but because at present our income did not allow us to furnish such a school. We were of one mind in the belief, that until our resources are much increased, our money, labor and care should be devoted to the elevation of our Mission schools, and to the more satisfactory preparation of the class of teachers so much demanded for our own schools. To this work Mr. Groenning now devotes himself. The views of all the Missionaries on this subject are at hand and ready for submission to the Council. We ask the judgment of the Council in the case.

The Mohammedan schools do not occupy any of our buildings, or receive any of our funds, and do not require any decisive action. We regret that the omission of these schools from our statistical report causes a diminution of the number of scholars, while the Mission Schools are believed to be in an improved and more effective state.

The Caste Girls' School has continued in regular activity, but no annual report from it has reached us. Its costs continue to be borne by the Women's Miss. Societies of St. John's and St. Mark's Churches, Philadelphia, each one half.

The cost of the support of a boy in the Boarding House and School is $30, that of a girl $20 to $25. The support of a teacher ranges from $35 to $75; that of a Catechist is about $90. The number of girls to be educated has been decreased, while we expect that of the boys to grow steadily; we would, therefore, beg donors to prefer boys.

STATISTICS.

Missionaries in the field during the year	5
" Wives in the field during the year	4
Native Ordained Pastors	2
Native Unordained Evangelists and Catechists	7
Teachers—Rajahmundry	10
" Other Stations	46
Total Mission Agents	74
Scholars, Rajahmundry—	
Boarding Scholars, Boys	48
" " Girls	10
Daily Scholars, Boys	33
" " Girls	21
High School (no report; last year were)	149
Mohammedan Schools (no report; last year were)	60
Caste Girls' School (no report; last year were)	60
Total Scholars	381
Baptized, 1880	124
" 1881	170

Baptized, 1882						262
" 1883						356
" 1884						482
Baptized, 1885, Rev. Schmidt	6			January to June, 1886,		4
" " " Poulsen	25			" " "		15
" " " Dietrich	24			" " "		6
" " " MacCready	31			" " "		42
" " " N. Paulus	211			" " "		65
" " " T. Joseph	14			" " "		14
Total 1885	311			January to June, 1886,		146
Confirmed, Rajahmundry						8
" Jagurupad						4
Total						12
Baptized Christians, children and adults, Rajahmundry						194
" " " " " N. E. Dist.					(?)	12
" " " " Dowlaishwaram District						28
" " " " Samulcotta "					(?)	147
" " " " Tallapudi "					(?)	200
" " " " Velpur "						1044
" " " " Jagurupad "						276
Total baptized Christians						1901
Communed in the year, Rajahmundry						98
" " " Dowlaishwaram						22
" " " Samulcotta						37
" " " Tallapudi					(?)	87
" " " Velpur						350
" " " Jagurupad						140
Total Communed						734

MISSION SCHOOLS IN INDIA.

TEACHERS SUPPORTED BY SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

NAME.	LOCATION.	BY WHOM SUPPORTED.
J. William Henry	Rajahmundry	St. John's Sunday-school, Allentown, Pa.
B. John	Peddahem	Trinity Sunday-school, Reading, Pa.
J. John Henry	Rajahmundry	St. Paul's (German), Philadelphia, Pa.
J. Daniel Henry	Rajahmundry	St. Johannis', Philadelphia, Pa.
V. Sriramulu, Evangelist	Tallapudi District	F. J MacCready Mis. So., Lehighton, Pa.
A Teacher	" "	Rev. H. P. Quist, Knoxville, Ills.
A Teacher and School	" "	F. Bursham.

LIST OF SCHOLARS—JANUARY 1 TO JUNE 30, 1886.

I.—BOARDING SCHOLARS. A.—BOYS.

No.	NAME.	CLASS.	AGE.	BY WHOM SUPPORTED.
1	Cekala Joseph	III.	16	Ladies' Sewing Society, St. Peter's, N. Y.
2	Raji Charley	"	17	Salem Sunday-school, Bethlehem, Pa.
3	Raji Paradasy	"	17	T. G. Wagner's Class, Zion's, Rochester, N. Y.
4	Polamuru Meschech	"	20	St. Luke's Sunday-school, Philadelphia.
5	Melli Cornelius	"	19	St. Michael's Sunday-school, Germantown.
6	Viparty Thomas	"	18	St. Mark's Sunday-school, N. Y.
7	Milabatula Peter	"	14	Grace Sunday-school, Bethlehem.
8	Kedasy Cyrus	"	14	Rev. J. B. Fox, Emlenton, Pa.
9	Cekala Benjamin	"	13	Trinity Sunday-school, Lancaster, Pa.
10	Raji Thomas	"	13	Mr. John Keck, Shanondale, Pa.
11	Adunky Jacob	"	12	Transfiguration Sunday-school, Pottstown.
12	Morumpoody Daniel	"	12	St. John's Sunday-school, Charleston, S. C.
13	Adla Samuel	"	10	Mrs. H. G. Sterling, Philadelphia.
14	Ardala Daniel	II.	20	Bethlehem S. S., Washington Co., Pa.
15	Dundy Mammaya	"	17	Rehoboth and Crow's Run S. S., Beaver Co., Pa.
16	Mupudy Samuel	"	15	Charles Henry Heinitsch Scholarship.
17	Nelaparty Benjamin	"	15	Miss. Soc. Solomon's Ch., Macungie, Pa.
18	Bethala Benjamin	"	15	Telugu Class, St. Mark's, Philadelphia.
19	Dasary Solomon	"	14	St. Michael's Sunday-school, Germantown.
20	Thaloory Lazarus	"	14	Jumonville Soldiers' Orphans' School, Pa.
21	Pothu Razu Mark	"	14	St. James' S. S., Reading, Pa.
22	Haridasoham Johanna	"	3	Miss Nora R. Ohl, Cherryville, Pa.
23	Geddem Lazarus	"	13	Salem S. S., Lebanon, Pa.
24	Thaloory Sadhu	"	12	Mrs. Kinzelmann, Middle Village, L. I.
25	Thaloory Jacob	"	12	Pas. Schetelig, Ham by Hamburg: S. S.
26	Muthiam Alexander	"	12	Zion's S. S., Wilmington, Del.
27	Murry Abraham	"	12	Father Heyer Miss. Soc., Theol. Sem., Phila.
28	Palamoory David	"	12	Sunday-school 1st Ev. Lu. Ch., Pittsburgh.
29	Sade Lazarus	"	12	Turbotville Charge.
30	Mungamoory Devadas	"	12	Holy Trinity S. S., Buffalo, N. Y.
31	Palapurty Nathaniel	"	12	Friedens Ch. S. S., Myerstown, Pa.
32	Ardala Samuel	"	12	Mission League, Phillipsburg, Pa.
33	Thaloory Matthew	"	11	Past. Schetelig, Hamm by Hamburg: Y. M. S.
34	Sandi Prakascham	"	11	Sunday-school, Zelienople, Pa.
35	Undukoory Boschanam	"	11	Miss Magdalene C. Merkle, Tidionte, Pa.
36	Kedasy Theophilus	"	11	
37	Munga Lazur	"	11	
38	Thaloory Salomon	"	10	
39	Mungamoory Samuel	"	10	
40	Thalsory Joseph	I.	20	
41	Katulu Johannu	"	18	
42	Golla Johannu	"	18	
43	Ganji Isaak	"	16	
44	Ardala Johannu	"	15	
45	Thuloory Salomon	"	12	
46	Peruru Gabriel	"	11	Pastor Schetelig, Hamm by Hamburg: S. S.
47	Alepa Devadas	"	9	St. Stephen's, Phila.: Artman Scholarship.
48	Budithy Narajanaswami	Alphab	7	Pastor Schetelig, Hamm by Horn: Y. M. S.

B.—Girls.

1	Murry Sarah	II.	15	Mrs. C. F. Norton, Sims, Dakota.
2	Elly Karunnah	"	15	Mrs. Harkness and Daughters, Philadelphia.
3	Peruru Sundari	"	11	St. Michael's Ch. Infant Sch., Germantown.
4	Haridasoham Ruth, Sadrach	I.	11	Miss Klingler, St. Peters, N. Y.
5	Haridasoham Ruth, Meschech	"	10	Infant School, St. John's, Easton.
6	Gorlapilly Elizabeth	"	10	Mrs. Birnbaum, Philadelphia.
7	Elly Naomi	"	9	Jumonville, Soldiers' Orphans' School, Pa.
8	Sady Martha	"	8	Helpers, Grace Ch., Lancaster, Pa.
9	Gorlapilli Martha	Alphab.	7	Mission League, Phillipsburg, Pa
10	Kakara Emilia	"	7	Busy Bees, St. Peter's Ch., Philadelphia.

II.—DAY SCHOLARS. A.—Boys.

No.	NAME.	CLASS.	AGE.	RELIGION OF PARENTS.
1	Boosy Albert	III.	12	Christian.
2	Boosy Alexander	"	10	"
3	Tariprole Daniel	"	16	"
4	Pydah Isaak	"	14	"
5	Kakara Henry	II.	17	"
6	Mekala Lakshmudu	"	12	Heathen.
7	Christian Francis	"	11	Roman Catholic.
8	Nella Abraham	"	8	Christian.
9	Gady Appulswami	"	13	Heathen.
10	Irlapatty Johannu	I.	9	Christian.
11	M. Devasahayam	"	10	Roman Catholic.
12	M. Antony	"	8	" "
13	Boosy Kanakanbram	"	7	Heathen.
14	Vanrajum Johannu	"	6	Christian.
15	Bathiny Samuel	"	6	"
16	Mooly Kishtama	Alphab.	7	Heathen.
17	Gudivindala Venkata Subbanah	"	7	"
18	Nammay Isaak	"	7	Christian.
19	Swoma Bhaktula Pentayah	"	7	Heathen.
20	Antony	"	7	Roman Catholic.
21	Tungam Yesudas	"	6	Christian.
22	Jungam Jacob	"	7	"
23	Thaloory Verannah	"	6	Heathen.
24	Antony Choureppen	"	6	Roman Catholic.
25	Tungam Steven	"	6	Christian.
26	Medikayala Srinivasam	"	5	"
27	Tariprole Benjamin	"	6	"
28	Nalli Devasohayam	"	5	"
29	Jungam Francis	"	5	"
30	Arikum	"	8	Roman Catholic.
31	B. Barthasadhi	"	7	Heathen.
32	M. Rangana	"	7	"
33	Pami Sarayah	"	7	"

B.—Girls.

1	Iariprole Esther	III.	10	Christian.
2	Iariprole Salome	"	12	"
3	Medikayala Katy	"	10	"
4	Vandraragulu Velugu	II.	12	"
5	Trlapaty Tamima	"	12	"
6	Nella Martha	"	11	"
7	Kadimy Sattyavatty	"	11	"
8	Bathiny Hellen	"	9	"
9	Pydi Tulia	I.	10	"
10	Tariprole Rhoda	"	7	"
11	Tonnakoody Susanna	Alphab.	7	"
12	Kadimy Karunnah	"	7	"
13	Tungam Rahel	"	8	"
14	Raji Susanna	"	6	"
15	Trlapatty Kantama	"	7	"
16	Tungam Susanna	"	6	"
17	Nela Elizabeth	"	5	"
18	Trlapatty Murryama	"	6	"
19	Tungam Helena	"	5	"
20	Martha Appudu	"	7	Heathen.
21	Tonnakooty Lydia	"	7	Christian.

PROPOSED WORK IN INDIA.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Should it be decided that the Hindu High School be continued, $500 will be needed for repairs of the building at present used, and as much more as an annual appropriation. Should a more suitable High School building be provided, $5000 will be needed, and an annual appropriation of perhaps $1000 if the School is to be properly provided for.

MISSION SCHOOLS.

If the Mission House now used by the High School be vacated in December next, an appropriation will be needed to fit it for the use of our Mission Schools. No estimate has been presented of the cost of such repairs. If this building cannot be used for our Mission Schools, it will be necessary to erect a suitable building.

PRINTING PRESS.

The generosity of the members of Trinity Church, Lancaster, has provided a printing press and a first supply of types. But now to make this press as useful as possible, rooms for its use and additional types, as well as an allowance for expenses of publication naturally follow, and the services of the press to the mission will be determined by the amount of such grants.

MISSION HOUSE AT DOWLAISHWARAM.

Ground has been secured at a cost of less than $200, and at a small annual payment of ground rent ; but the cost of erection of a house for the use of Rev. Mr. Dietrich must be provided for, estimated at $1,500. Some special appeals have been made by him to congregations, which it is hoped may receive a favorable response.

INCOME AND DEBT.

The financial statement will show that we are now in debt, having borrowed moneys to meet current expenses, of which about $1600 remains unpaid. The contributions of most of the Churches have steadily increased, but from some of the largest and most active Synods contributions have nearly ceased. The Augustana Synod, so earnest in all good works, has raised last year about $3000 for Foreign Missions, but they have deemed best to devote this money to work among the Mormons in Utah. While we recognize the urgent claim of this work, we would greatly lament the withdrawal of that powerful body from direct work among the heathen. If the Committee are

correctly informed, a large part of the gifts for this cause in the Iowa Synod have gone to the aid of the Leipzig Mission. It is very greatly to be desired that there might come to pass a hearty union of all parts of the Council in aid of the work of Missions among the heathen under the care of the Council, and that any hindrances which stand in the way may be removed.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Account of the Rev. F. S. Dietrich, Treasurer, from July 1st, 1885, to June 30th, 1886.

RECEIPTS IN INDIA, JULY 1, 1885—JUNE 30, 1886.

	Rs.	An.	Pi.	
Drafts from America	14823	0	0	
Contributions from individuals	457	2	0	
Wedding fee	1	0	0	
From books	7	10	0	
Refunded for lands, loans, etc	100	8	4	
Check of Mrs. Artman	100	0	0	
Pay Deductions	76	4	3	
Rajahmundry Inn Fund	4	3	8	
Total	15569	12	3	$6227 91

EXPENDITURES.

RAJAHMUNDRY.

Salaries and traveling expenses (native Pastors and teachers)	829	10	0	
Buildings, repairs, taxes, etc	1272	2	2	
Boat expenses	221	12	0	
Matriculation fee, books, maps, etc	16	12	0	
Church expenses	42	4	0	
Rev. H. C. Schmidt, to balance old account	311	9	7	
Sundries	29	12	6	
Total	2723	14	3	$1089 56

VELPUR AND NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.

Salaries and traveling expenses (native Pastors, etc.)	2293	4	8	
Buildings, repairs, etc	60	0	9	
Aid to the poor	15	0	0	
Total	2368	5	5	$947 33

SAMULCOTTA.

Salaries and traveling expenses (native teachers, etc.)	1167	14	1	
Building sites, repairs, taxes, etc	109	12	2	
Boarders, clothing, etc	154	12	2	
Record books, stationery, postage, etc	10	8	3	
Medical attendance	7	0	0	
Help to the poor	9	0	0	
Sundries	12	6	9	
Total	1471	5	5	$588 54

DOWLAISHWARAM.

	Rs.	An.	Pi.	
Salaries and traveling expenses (native teachers, etc.)	1002	15	0	
Buildings, rent, repairs, services, etc	132	6	3	
High School expenses	36	0	0	
Aid to the poor	4	0	0	
Sundries	48	6	10	
Total	1223	12	1	$489 50

JAGURUPAD.

Salaries and traveling expenses (native Pastors, teachers, etc.)	1054	12	1	
Buildings, repairs, etc	42	9	9	
Total	1097	5	10	$438 95

TALLAPUDI.

Salaries and traveling expenses (native teachers, etc.)	809	14	7	
School site, house rent, taxes, etc	109	4	11	
Account and minute books, stationery, binding and stamps	13	1	0	
Aid to the poor	1	0	0	
Horse stable	16	5	5	
Sundries	1	8	0	
Total	951	1	11	$380 45

BOARDING DEPARTMENT.

For the Boys	636	3	4	
" " Girls	251	13	3	
" " Family Boarders	235	1	0	
Salaries	258	0	0	
General expenses	239	6	1	
Total	1620	7	8	$648 20

GENERAL EXPENSES

Repairs to buildings, material, etc	269	6	1	
School and account books, binding, stationery, etc	142	5	6	
Coolies and bandy hire	34	10	0	
Taxes, discount and payment of loans	66	9	5	
Traveling allowance	44	0	0	
Cloth, rice, etc. for boarding children	46	5	9	
Fees for High School boys	133	15	0	
Bibles for village stations (two years)	23	2	0	
House rent at Tallapudi	32	0	0	
Caste Girls' School	15	0	0	
Boat expenses	22	4	0	
Teachers' Association	110	14	4	
Rev. F. S. Dietrich, to settle account of last year	153	0	0	
To settle difficulties caused by the Ramadandu	41	10	0	
Tallapudi house	799	15	0	
Sundries	148	0	3	
Total	2083	1	4	$833 24

Summary of Expenses.

Rajahmundry	$1089 56
Velpur and Northeastern District	947 33
Samulcotta	588 54
Dowlaishwaram	489 50
Jagurupad	438 95
Tallapudi	380 45
Boarding department	648 20
General expenses	833 24
Total	$5415 77
Total Receipts	$6227 91
" Expenditures	5415 77
Balance in treasury, and in the hands of the several Missionaries,	$812 14

EXPENDITURES IN AMERICA.

Drafts and orders on salary account	$7115 15
Mrs. L. V. Artman, on account	400 00
Books, papers, binding, etc	59 87
Printing postals, postage, etc	21 50
Electros, etc	10 45
Paid loan and interest	1030 00
Agent's salary	75 00
Discount on Canada money	1 41
Sundries (error, etc.)	29 00
Deficit, October, 1885	597 59
Total Expenditures	$9339 97

Estimate of Expenses—July, 1886, to June, 1887.

Indebtedness, July, 1886	$1600 00
Salaries of Missionaries	4800 00
Allowance for children at home	200 00
Mission Agents, schools, etc., in India	4000 00
Mission houses, Dowlaishwaram and Tallapudi	2000 00
School house and repairs, Rajahmundry	1000 00
Expenses in America, and incidental	400 00
Total	$14,000 00

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